## NATHUM Mohammad ISMa'il Al-'Ani IRAQ







## PLEASE HELP NATHUM MOHAMMAD ISMA'IL AL-'ANI

Nathum Mohammad Isma'il al-'Ani was one of 18 people arrested by Iraqi security forces in Baghdad on 21 December 2005. There has been no news of Nathum Mohammad Isma'il al-'Ani since January 2006.

Iraqi security forces arrested, blindfolded and handcuffed the 18 men before taking them to an unknown location where they were interrogated. The men are said to have been tortured during interrogation. The reasons for the arrests are not known but all those arrested are believed to be Sunni Muslims. They are believed to be the victims of enforced disappearance and Amnesty International fears for their lives. Only two of them have been seen since January 2006.

After around two days, Nathum Mohammad Isma'il al-'Ani, his brother-in-law, Ahmad 'Abbas Khurshid al-Salihi, and one other man were separated from the rest of the group and detained in a small room for 15 days. They were kicked, beaten with metal

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bars and suffocated with pillows, denied toilet facilities and food and given only very little water.

On 4 January 2006, Ahmad 'Abbas Khurshid al-Salihi, an Irish resident, was released without charge. On his release, he had a fractured nose and shoulder which he had sustained in detention, and had suffered psychological trauma.

In late January 2006, the body of one of the arrested men, Firas Naji 'Abid Mikhlaf, was found in the al-Rostumiya district of Baghdad. According to autopsy reports, his body bore marks of torture and he had been strangled.

There has been no further news of the whereabouts of Nathum Mohammad Isma'il al-'Ani and the other 15 men. His family has contacted the Iraqi authorities, the US-led Multi-National Force in Iraq, UK and US diplomatic representatives in Iraq, and the International Committee of the Red Cross in their search for him.

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# ACT NOW

### **1. EMAIL THE IRAQI AUTHORITIES**

■ Express concern at reports that the Iraqi security forces tortured Nathum Mohammad Isma'il al-'Ani and Ahmad 'Abbas Naji Khurshid al-Salihi in detention. Note that the autopsy of one of the men detained with them bore marks of torture and strangulation.

Call for an impartial investigation into the allegations that the detainees were tortured and for anyone found responsible to be brought to justice.

Request an independent investigation of the enforced disappearance of Nathum Mohammad Isma'il al-'Ani and those detained at the same time and for those responsible to be brought to justice. Nuri Kamil al-Maliki Prime Minister Convention Centre (Qasr al-Ma'ariadh) Baghdad Republic of Iraq Salutation: Your Excellency info@iraqigovernment.org

#### 2. WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO Nathum's Wife, Khulood Naji, Who Lives in Ireland

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