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Further information on UA 42/99 (MDE 15/26/99, 3 March 1999) - Incommunicado detention/Fear of torture

ISRAEL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIESIyad Habib Mohammad, 24, student

Iyad Habib Mohammad was taken out of interrogation on 24 March 1999. There is no longer any fear that he is being tortured. During his interrogation by the General Security Service (GSS), he was reportedly held in *shabeh* for hours each day for at least a week. *Shabeh* is a method of torture routinely employed by the GSS, where detainees are shackled, hooded, to a small chair and deprived of sleep while loud disorientating music is played.

Iyad Habib Mohammad, a final year student at Birzeit University, where he is president of the Student Council, was arrested by the GSS on 26 January 1999. He has not yet been charged.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.