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Further information on UA 255/97 (MDE 15/41/97, 1 August 1997) - Legal concern
/ Fear of torture

ISRAEL / SOUTH LEBANON Roger Nahra, 27, journalist)
Joseph Nahra, 33, unemployed) brothers
Michel Nahra, 47, retired policeman)
Jean Nahra, 40, merchant

Lebanese television journalist Roger Nahra was released on 6 August 1997 after being held in Khiam detention centre in South Lebanon. Speaking hours after his release, Roger Nahra is reported to have said of his arrest on 3 July, that "*They (members of the Israeli Defence Force) came and took me from my home without explanation. They did not say why I was arrested, but I think they arrested me because I am a journalist.*"

Concern remains for the well-being of the other three men still in custody - Roger Nahra's brothers, Joseph and Michel Nahra, and their cousin, Jean Nahra.

This is additional information. Appeals for Roger Nahra may cease. Action for the other three detainees should continue as specified in original UA.