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Further information on UA 233/01 (MDE 18/015/2001, 13 September 2001) and follow-up (MDE 18/020/2001, 21 September 2001) - Fear of Torture/ Incommunicado detention/Legal concern

**LEBANON** Milad 'Assaf (m), builder

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Milad 'Assaf was released on bail on 25 September, pending trial.

He was reportedly tortured in custody at the Ministry of Defence Detention Centre, by a method known as the *Ballanco*: his wrists were handcuffed behind his back, and a rope was tied to the handcuffs and passed over a raised beam, so that soldiers could pull on the rope and lift him off the ground.

**Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. If possible please send a final round of appeals, in English, Arabic, French or your own language:**

- expressing concern at reports that Milad Assaf was tortured in custody, and calling for an independent investigation into these allegations in accordance with international standards.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 6 November 2001.