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Further information on UA 250/99 (MDE 21/15/99, 24 September 1999) - $\underline{\text{Prisoner}}$ of conscience/Torture or ill-treatment

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITYMaher al-Dasuqi, journalist, aged 38

Maher al-Dasuqi was released without charge on 4 October 1999. He is reported to be in good health.

Maher al-Dasuqi had been arrested on 15 September, shortly after a Palestinian prisoner's mother criticized the Palestinian Authority on the television programme that he hosts.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals on behalf of Maher al-Dasuqi. Your action was very valuable.