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**Further Information on UA 57/05 (MDE 23/002/2005, 11 March 2005) and follow-ups (MDE 25/001/2005, 07 June 2005; MDE 25/002/2005, 16 June 2005) - Incommunicado detention/Fear of torture or ill-treatment**

**United Arab Emirates (UAE) Salem Abdul Rahman Nawab al-Baloushi (m), aged 32, UAE national**

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Salem al-Baloushi was released on 3 July and returned to his family in al-'Ain, in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

He had been detained in Saudi Arabia without charge or trial from February 2003 until he was handed over to the UAE authorities, possibly in April 2005. The reason for his arrest is not known, but it may have been connected to the fact that he had travelled to Afghanistan in the 1980s.

In the UAE it is common for people released after they have been held by *Amn al-Dawla* (State Security) to be told that they should not speak to anyone about their time in custody, or face being rearrested and detained incommunicado.

**No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**