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Further information on UA 184/98 (MDE 23/05/98, 26 June 1998) -
Fear of torture and ill-treatment / Possible prisoners of conscience

SAUDI ARABIAAriel Ordon, Filipino national
Angelito Sison, Filipino national
Juanito Manalili, Filipino national
Ruban Aguire, Filipino national
Wim Den Hartog, Dutch national

and others

Up to a dozen Christian people working in Saudi Arabia, including those named above, were released between July and August 1998 and deported to their respective countries.

Their arrests, which occurred between 6 and 17 June 1998, appeared to be linked solely to their religious beliefs and, as such, all were considered to be possible prisoners of conscience.

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

"Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

Article 18, Universal Declaration of Human Rights