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Further information on UA 60/95 (MDE 25/01/95, 31 August 1995) - Fear of torture / Fear of refoulement and new Medical concern

UNITED ARAB EMIRATESSheikh 'Abd al-Mun'im al-'Ali, Iraqi national 'Abd al-Jalil 'Ilwan

'Abd al-Jalil 'Ilwan was released around 20 August 1995 and deported to an Arab country, though not Iraq as previously feared.

Sheikh 'Abd al-Mun'im al-'Ali, a possible prisoner of conscience, remains in detention. Since his arrest in January 1995 he has reportedly been held in incommunicado detention which increases the risk of torture or ill-treatment. According to reports received by Amnesty International, he was taken to Abu Dhabi Military Hospital earlier this month. Although the reason for his hospitalisation is not known, he is known to have suffered from diabetes and high blood pressure before his imprisonment. There remains a further concern that he may be deported to Iraq, although the risk of this has diminished following the deportation of 'Abd al-Jalil 'Ilwan to a third Arab country.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- calling for Sheikh 'Abd al-Mun'im al-'Ali to be allowed immediate access to a lawyer and his relatives;

- seeking information on the reason for his hospitalisation;

- seeking clarification of the reason for his arrest and any charges brought against him, together with any trial proceedings which may have taken place; - seeking assurances that Sheikh 'Abd al-Mun'im al-'Ali will not be forcibly returned to Iraq where he will be at risk of the death penalty or other human rights violations.

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