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Hussein Omar Thubian

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PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

Amnesty International has learned of the release of Hussein Omar Thubian, who was arrested in March 1989. In response to initial enquiries from Amnesty International into the reasons for his arrest, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen replied that he was under investigation in connection with the discovery of a "spy network operating on behalf of a foreign state".

In October 1989 appeals were sent to the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen on his behalf when he still remained in detention without trial and without access to legal counsel. He had been suffering kidney problems and showing signs of jaundice at the time of his arrest and since detention his psychological condition had deteriorated markedly. This is said to have improved upon promises of his release.

He was released together with four others arrested at the same time.

No further action is required. Thank you for having appealed.