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Further information on UA 232/00 (MDE 30/16/00, 4 August 2000) and follow-ups (MDE 30/17/00, 15 August 2000, and MDE 30/18/00, 29 August 2000) - Health concern / prisoner of conscience

TUNISIA Taoufik CHAIEB, 45, teacher

Prisoner of conscience Taoufik Chaieb was released by presidential pardon on 30 August, on the 52nd day of his hunger strike.

He was reunited with his family and is at home with them for the first time in 10 years - he had been in hiding for several years before he was arrested in 1996. He will now undergo medical tests to assess the impact of the hunger strike on his health.

Taoufik Chaieb and his family have expressed their gratitude to Amnesty International for their support.

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