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Further information on UA 06/00 (MDE 30/01/00, 11 January 2000) and follow-ups (MDE 30/03/00, 10 February 2000; MDE 30/017/01, 26 June 2001; MDE 30/022/01, 30 July 2001) - Fear for safety/Prisoner of conscience

TUNISIASihem Ben Sedrine (f), journalist, human rights defender

Prisoner of conscience Sihem Ben Sedrine was provisionally released on 11 August, after six weeks in prison.

She spoke to Amnesty International and expressed her gratitude to all those who had campaigned on her behalf and put pressure on the Tunisian authorities to release her.

She is still facing charges of spreading false information intended to undermine public order and defamation of a Tunisian judge. No date has been set for her trial which is expected to take place later this year.

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