

URGENT ACTION

PROTESTER RELEASED BUT ANOTHER STILL MISSING

Firas Ali, an Iraqi political activist, was released on 27 April 2011 after having been held for two weeks at a detention centre in Baghdad. The whereabouts of protester Haidar Shihab Ahmad Abdel Latif are still unknown.

Political activist **Firas 'Ali**, was detained by members of the armed forces early in the afternoon of 13 April 2011 at the Baghdad office of the Federation of Workers' Councils and Unions in Iraq. Firas Ali was released on 27 April after having been held for two weeks at a detention centre in Baghdad. Before his release he was cautioned not to participate in further protests. He thanked Amnesty International for appeals on his behalf. No further action is required for Firas Ali.

However, the whereabouts of **Haidar Shihab Ahmad Abdel Latif**, a 24 year old casual worker who attended protests at Tahrir Square in Baghdad on 1 April 2011 for the first time, remain unknown. A relative of Haidar Shihab Ahmad Abdel Latif told Amnesty International that on 7 May an official acknowledged his detention. No details of his whereabouts were provided and relatives have not been allowed to visit him. Amnesty International fears he is detained in conditions amounting to an enforced disappearance. Please continue sending appeals on behalf of Haidar Shihab Ahmad Abdel Latif.

PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY in English or Arabic:

- Call on the Iraqi authorities to immediately reveal the whereabouts of Haidar Shihab Ahmad Abdel Latif and to immediately grant him access to a lawyer of his own choosing, family visits and any medical care he might require;
- Call for the release of Haidar Shihab Ahmad Abdel Latif, unless he is to be promptly charged with a recognizable criminal offence and brought to trial in full conformity with international fair trial standards;
- Urge the authorities to ensure that Haidar Shihab Ahmad Abdel Latif and other protesters are not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 23 JUNE 2011 TO THE IRAQI EMBASSY IN YOUR COUNTRY AND ADDRESSED TO:

Prime Minister and Acting Minister of
Defence and Interior

His Excellency Nuri Kamil al-Maliki
Prime Minister
Convention Centre (Qasr al-Ma'aridh)
Baghdad, Iraq

Salutation: Your Excellency

And copies to:

Minister of Human Rights
His Excellency Mohammad Shayaa
al-Sudani
Email: shakawa@humanrights.gov.iq

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Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date. This is the first update of UA 113/11. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE14/022/2011/en>

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