

URGENT ACTION

TUNISIAN ACTIVISTS RELEASED

Hamma Hammami and Mohamed Mzem were released on 14 January 2011. They had been arrested two days earlier by officers of the Presidential Security force.

Hamma Hammami and **Mohamed Mzem** had been arrested on the morning of 12 January at Hamma Hammami's home in the capital, Tunis, by over 20 security officers believed to be members of the Presidential Guard. They were detained incommunicado at the Ministry of Interior until the afternoon of 14 January 2011, when they were released.

Hamma Hammami's arrest is believed to have been linked to his speaking to international media outlets about the views of the Tunisian Workers' Communist Party, regarding protests that began in December 2010. Mohamed Mzem is an activist and lawyer who happened to be in Hamma Hammami's home at the time of his arrest.

No further action is requested by the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

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