

# URGENT ACTION

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**Further Information on UA 52/06 (MDE 30/004/2006, 08 March 2006) – Medical Concern**

**TUNISIA**

**Hachemi Mekki (m), aged 48**

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Hachemi Mekki was released on 14 March 2006. He received his release order while he was being treated in Ariana hospital, just outside the capital. Tunis. He is continuing to receive medical care.

Hachemi Mekki was sentenced to 37 years' imprisonment in 1995 on charges of supporting a banned association and holding unauthorized meetings. He was transferred from the 9 *avril* prison in Tunis to Ariana hospital on 3 February 2006. Initial medical reports by a doctor at Ariana hospital indicated that Hachemi Mekki was apparently suffering from cancer.

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

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