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Further information on UA 166/01 (ASA 28/018/2001, 05 July 2001) follow- up (ASA 28/19/2001, 9 July 2001) and update (ASA 28/20/2001, 17 July 2001) - Fear of Torture or ill-treatment / incommunicado detention / prisoner of conscience

MALAYSIAKhairul Anuar Ahmad Zainuddin (m), aged 24

Khairul Anuar Ahmad Zainuddin was reportedly released unconditionally on 28 July 2001.

Khairul was arrested on 5 July 2001 and held without charge under the Internal Security Act (ISA) for 23 days. He was arrested as he accompanied six student activists who had been told to present themselves at a police station in connection with their alleged participation in a peaceful demonstration against the ISA.

After his release Khairul's sister was reported to have said that "he is okay and fine", though gave no details of his treatment in custody.

Khairul was reportedly expelled earlier this month from his college, the *Institut Kemahiran Mara* (IKM). Among the reasons given for his expulsion was tarnishing the image of the institution and failing to answer charges of being involved in a workshop intended to encourage reformists to "overthrow the government via street demonstrations".

The Malaysian Human Rights Commission (Suhakam) announced on 25 July 2001 that it was to hold an investigation into recent arrests under the ISA. Mehrun Siraj, a Suhakam commissioner, reportedly said that the inquiry would include the detention of Khairul.

Amnesty International will be following up this case through other forms of action. **No further action is required from the UA Network. Many thanks to all of those who sent appeals.**