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Further Information on UA 237/03 (MDE 12/012/2003, 8 August 2003) and follow-up (MDE 12/030/2003, 12 August 2003) - Prisoner of conscience / health concern

EGYPT **Ashraf Ibrahim (m), engineer**

Ashraf Ibrahim was acquitted of all charges by the (Emergency) Supreme State Security Court on 11 March. Four others on trial with him were also acquitted.

Father-of-one Ashraf Ibrahim, an active member of the anti-war movement in Egypt, had been detained on 19 April 2003. He was charged in connection with alleged activities relating to "an illegal organization", named in the indictment as the "Revolutionary Socialists"; and with harming Egypt's reputation by spreading abroad false information regarding the internal affairs of the country. With regard to the second charge, the indictment made specific reference to providing information on alleged human rights violations to international human rights organizations.

Amnesty International adopted Ashraf Ibrahim as a prisoner of conscience and campaigned for his immediate and unconditional release.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals on his behalf.