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Further information on EXTRA 20/00 (MDE 14/03/00, 7 March 2000) - Fear of ill-treatment/Prisoners of Conscience/Fear of forcible return

IRAQ/IRAQI KURDISTAN 'Ammar Sharif
Yusuf Mohammad
Fahd Nassir

The three Iraqi opposition party members named above were released without charge on 19 April.

They had been arrested on 16 February in Iraqi Kurdistan, where they had been living for some years to avoid arrest for their anti-government political activities. It was feared that they would be forcibly returned to areas under the control of the Iraqi government. They were released after a series of meetings in Sulaimaniya between the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, which controls part of Iraqi Kurdistan, and the Iraqi Workers' Communist Party, of which the three are members.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals on behalf of 'Ammar Sharif, Yusuf Mohammad and Fahd Nassir.