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Further information on UA 219/00 (MDE 14/08/00, 19 July 2000) and follow-ups (MDE 14/09/00, 25 July 2000; MDE 14/10/00, 16 August 2000; MDE 14/11/00, 31 August 2000 and MDE 14/12/00, 7 September 2000) - Incommunicado detention/fear of torture/forcible expulsion/fear of forcible return/"disappearance"

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According to information received by Amnesty International all those arrested in connection with anti-PUK demonstrations since 13 July 2000 have now been released.

The fate of the 12 women who had been sheltering in a refuge in Sulaimaniya is still unclear. The PUK authorities have reportedly agreed to allow the shelter to reopen and resume its activities.

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