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Further information on EXTRA 86/99 (MDE 16/11/99, 15 July 1999) and follow-up (MDE 16/13/99, 24 August 1999) - Fear for safety

JORDAN/IRAQ Jotiar Yahia Latif al-Salihi, aged 31
Rawiya (his wife), aged 28, and two children, Chimen (f), aged 3 and Latif,
aged 1
Robar Yahia Latif al-Salihi (brother), aged 24
Omaed Yahia Latif al-Salihi (brother), aged 19
Joanne Yahia Latif al-Salihi (sister), aged 16
Gulbahar Yahia Latif al-Salihi (mother)

Robar, Omaed, Joanne and Gulbahar Yahia Latif al-Salihi were granted safe passage to Syria, and travelled by car to Damascus on 28 August 1999. They have reportedly been housed by the Syrian authorities, and Gulbahar Yahia Latif al-Salihi is said to have been given medical treatment. The UNHCR office in Damascus is also reported to have agreed to re-assess the family's application for refugee status. Their previous application had been rejected by the UNHCR office in Amman, Jordan.

The family were arrested by the Jordanian authorities on 23 August, and were apparently only saved from forcible repatriation to Iraq by appeals from Urgent Action writers and the wide media coverage of their situation. Robar Yahia Latif al-Salihi was released on bail on 25 August, and the family was given until 28 August to leave Jordan.

The fate and whereabouts of Jotiar Yahia Latif al-Salihi, his wife and his children remain unknown.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Thank you to all who sent appeals.