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**Further Information on UA 369/02 (MDE 16/018/2002, 19 December 2002) and follow-up (MDE 16/008/2003, 16 April 2003) - Death penalty/torture/unfair trial**

**JORDAN            Jamal Darwish Fatayer (m)**

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Jamal Darwish Fatayer, a Palestinian born in Iraq, was hanged at dawn on 25 August at Swaqa prison, south of the capital Amman. He had been sentenced to death on 17 December 2002 for his alleged role in the 1994 killing in Beirut of Jordanian diplomat Na'ib 'Umran al-Ma'aytah. His appeal against the sentence was turned down by the Court of Cassation in April 2003.

Proceedings at the trial of Jamal Darwish Fatayer fell far short of international standards and he was reportedly tortured to "confess" while detained incommunicado by the General Intelligence Department in Amman. Amnesty International is concerned that neither the State Security Court nor the Court of Cassation gave due consideration to any of the points made by defence lawyers which raised doubts about Jamal Darwish Fatayer's guilt and that legal procedures were not correctly followed.

Jamal Darwish Fatayer is believed to be the third person to have been executed in Jordan in 2003. At least 14 other people have been sentenced to death.

**Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA Network.**