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Further information on UA 300/96 (MDE 18/06/96, 23 December 1996) and follow-ups (MDE 18/07/96, 30 December and MDE 18/08/96, 31 December) - Fear of torture / Legal concern

LEBANON Pierre ATTALLAH, journalist, aged 50
Ghassan BARDAWIL
Charles ROUSTUM
Obad ZWEIN

Pierre Attallah was released on bail (6,200,000 Lebanese Pounds [approx: US\$4,133]) by the military court in Beirut on 6 January 1997. No date has yet been fixed for his trial.

Charles Roustum and Obad Zwein were released by the military court on 31 December 1996 without charge. Ghassan Bardawil, who was charged under Article 288 of the Penal Code, was released by the Investigation Judge at the military Court in Beirut.

Therefore all those arrested in connection with the December events are now released, most without charge.

NO FURTHER APPEALS ARE REQUIRED ON THE ABOVE NAMED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.