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Further information on UA 48/00 (MDE 24/04/00, 24 February 2000) -  
"Disappearance"/Fear of Torture/Incommunicado Detention

**SYRIARanda Ayyubi (f), 40, housewife**  
**Mamduh Tatari, 46, agricultural engineer**  
**Muhammad Adib Tatari, 15, schoolboy**

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The Syrian authorities released Randa Ayyubi's husband, Mamduh Tatari, and their son, Muhammad Adib Tatari, about two weeks after this Urgent Action was issued.

However, Randa Ayyubi herself is believed to remain in incommunicado detention, where she is at risk of torture or other ill-treatment.

The three were arrested on 17 October 1999, apparently after Randa Ayyubi made an anti-government remark in the street.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or your own language:**

- noting the release of Mamduh Tatari and Muhammad Adib Tatari;
- asking why Randa Ayyubi was arrested, where she is detained and the law under which she is held;
- urging the Syrian government to release her immediately and unconditionally, unless she is charged with a recognizable criminal offence;
- asking the Syrian Government to ensure that she has immediate and regular access to the outside world, her family, lawyers and doctors, and that she is treated humanely.

**APPEALS TO:**

His Excellency  
President Hafez al-Assad  
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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

His Excellency Lt. General Mustafa Talas  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence  
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**Telegrams: General Talas, Damascus, Syria**  
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His Excellency Nabil al-Khatib  
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Ministry of Justice  
Al Nasr Street, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic  
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His Excellency Nasser Qaddur  
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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 May 2000.