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Further information on UA 123/01 (MDE 24/010/2001, 21 May 2001) - Fear for safety/"disappearance"/incommunicado detention/torture

SYRIAHilal Abdel-Razaq Ali, British citizen

Hilal Abdel-Razaq Ali was moved to an immigration centre in Damascus on 21 June, and released without charge the following day, when he was deported to the UK.

He told Amnesty International that he had been ill-treated while he was held at the *Far' Falastin* (Palestine Branch) detention centre. He was permitted to go to the toilet twice a day, and when he did so he was regularly beaten with pieces of cable, punched, kicked and verbally abused by prison officials.

Hilal Abdel-Razaq Ali was arrested by police in late July 2000. After 11 days he was taken to the *Far' Falastin* detention centre, where he spent six months in solitary confinement in a cell measuring approximately 80cm by 180cm. Around February he was moved to a cell measuring five by four metres, which he shared with around 50 other prisoners. The cell was so crowded that the prisoners had to take it in turns to sleep.

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