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Further information on UA 258/97 (MDE 24/13/97, 5 August 1997) - "Disappearance"
/ Fear of torture

SYRIA/LEBANON Ahmad Hamad, medical doctor

Amnesty International has no further information concerning the whereabouts of Ahmad Hamad, a Lebanese medical doctor and a member of the Lebanese Medical Association, abducted on 18 or 19 June 1997 in Akkar, North Lebanon.

It is believed that Ahmad Hamad was arrested by members of the Syrian military intelligence and initially held incommunicado at their headquarters in Halba, North Lebanon. His arrest is thought to relate to his alleged membership of an outlawed political party in Lebanon, the pro-Iraqi Ba'ath Party.

No further action by the UA network is necessary, however, as this case has been transferred to the medical network for continued appeals. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on this case. The network will be informed if any new information arises concerning Ahmad Hamad.