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**Further Information on UA 140/03 (MDE 24/017/2003, 20 May 2003) Fear of torture/Incommunicado detention/Legal concern**

**SYRIA / LEBANON**

**Hanna Chalita (m), aged 48 - released**

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Hanna Chalita's lawyer has just informed Amnesty International that his client was in fact released during the night of 18 May - 19 May. The lawyer has not yet met with Hanna Chalita but initial reports are that he is in good health. Neither the Syrian nor Lebanese authorities have yet made any statement.

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