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Further information on UA 262/01 (MDE 24/039/2001, 18 October 2001) - Prisoner of conscience/Fear of Torture/Incommunicado detention

SYRIA 'Abdalla Hoshah (m), aged 61

'Abdalla Hoshah, who was detained on 17 October, was apparently released without charge after 15 hours in custody.

He was reportedly interrogated in Latakia and then taken to the Palestine Branch Detention Centre in Damascus for further interrogation. His release is conditional on his reporting back next week to the Palestine Branch Detention Centre. Amnesty International fears that he may be detained again.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. If possible please send a final round of appeals, in English, Arabic, French or your own language:

- welcoming the release of 'Abdalla Hoshah;
- calling on the Syrian authorities to stop the harassment of 'Abdalla Hoshah and to lift any restrictions imposed on his movement and his right to freedom of expression.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Syria accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 November 2001.