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**Further Information on UA 305/06 (MDE 24/067/2006, 15 November 2006) - Fear of torture or ill-treatment**

**SYRIA**

**Sheikh Murad al-Khiznawi (m)**

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Amnesty International has received information that the Syrian Kurdish activist, Sheikh Murad al-Khiznawi, has been released. He was briefly detained by the Syrian authorities on Syria's border with Jordan as he attempted to flee the country.

Murad al-Khiznawi was attempting to join his brother, Murshid al-Khiznawi, in Jordan who had fled Syria after a warrant for his arrest had been issued. Both brothers had been actively involved in campaigning for an investigation into the death of their father, Sheikh Muhammad Ma'shuq al-Khiznawi, a prominent Kurdish imam, who was reportedly tortured and killed by agents of Syrian Military Intelligence after "disappearing" in the capital Damascus. (See UA 131/05, MDE 24/027/2005, 19 May 2005 and follow-up).

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