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Further Information on UA 143/08 (MDE 25/002/2008, 29 May 2008) Forcible return/Torture

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) 'Abd al-Rahman Abu Zaid (m), aged 65, Syrian national

The UAE authorities declared publicly on 3 June that they would not return 'Abd al-Rahman Abu Zaid to Syria and that he is free to leave the UAE for any other country.

He has been imprisoned because he had remained in the country beyond the expiry of his UAE residency. He will remain in prison in Abu Dhabi until he is able to make plans to leave the country. He is registered with the UNHCR and they are aware of his situation.

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