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Further information on UA 206/97 (MDE 28/13/97, 10 July 1997) - "Disappearance"

ALGERIA Messaoud OUZIALA, medical doctor

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Dr Messaoud Ouziala, the kidney transplant surgeon who "disappeared" on 8 July 1997, was released on 22 July after two weeks in secret detention. During this time he reported that he was questioned but not ill-treated.

The manner in which Dr Messaoud Ouziala was abducted by the security forces is indicative of the work of an armed opposition group. Throughout the duration of his detention his family was unable to obtain any information concerning his whereabouts and legal position in spite of repeated efforts to contact the authorities and security forces.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action Network at present. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.