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TUNISIA Tahar GARGOURA)
 Ridha ERRASAS) students
 Zine ESSAID)

Tahar GARGOURA, Ridh ERRASAS and Zine ESSAID, members of the executive and federal bureau of the *Union Général des Etudiants Tunisiens* (UGET), Tunisian Students' General Union, were freed on bail on 23 February 1995. They had been sentenced to six months' imprisonment on charges of belonging to an unauthorized association, the *Parti Communiste des Ouvriers Tunisiens*, (PCOT), Tunisian Communist Workers' Party.

Their lawyers' requests for postponement of the appeal hearing and release on bail were granted by the Sousse Court of First Appeal. However, charges have not been dropped and Amnesty International will continue to monitor any developments in their case.

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED FROM THE NETWORK AT PRESENT. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals on their behalf.