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Further information (5) on UA 108/95 (MDE 30/11/95, 9 May 1995) and follow-ups MDE 30/16/95, 21 June 1995, MDE 30/40/96, 22 November 1996, MDE 30/42/96, 9 December, and MDE 30/49/96, 17 December 1996 - Health concern / possible prisoner of conscience / ill-treatment

TUNISIANajib El Baccouchi, member of the executive bureau of *Union Générale des Etudiants Tunisiens* (UGET, General Union of Tunisian Students)

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Amnesty International has received information that Najib El Baccouchi was released from prison on 3 March 1997, following a presidential pardon. He had been tried in November 1994 and sentenced to three years' imprisonment and a further three years' administrative control on charges of incitement to racial hatred (which he denied as contrary to his beliefs), and organizing an unauthorized meeting. Amnesty International had been campaigning for his release.

No further action is requested by the urgent action network. Thank you to all of those who sent appeals.