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TUNISIA:Sadiq Shourou
Mohammed Moncef Al Triqi
Abdelaziz Al Buzouadi

Amnesty International has learned that Mohammed Moncef Al Triqi and Abdelaziz Al Buzouadi have been released. They were brought before a district judge, acquitted and immediately released.

Mohammed Moncef Al Triqi, Head of the Tunis section of the Association for the Protection of Human Rights and Public Liberties and a member of Hizb al-Nahda, was arrested on 17 February 1991.

Abdelaziz Al Buzouadi, a former teacher working as a journalist for Al-Fajr, the weekly newspaper of Hizb al-Nahda, was arrested on 23 February 1991.

Sadiq Shourou, a lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine at Tunis University, arrested on 23 February 1991, was brought before an examining magistrate on 4 April 1991 and charged with offences including membership of an unauthorized organization and participation in an unauthorized demonstration. He was then transferred to the 9 Avril Prison in Tunis. Lawyers representing Sadiq Shourou raised complaints of torture on his behalf and the examining magistrate ordered a medical examination. However, according to information, as of 8 April 1991 he has still not been given a medical examination.

No further action is required on his behalf. Amnesty International will continue to monitor his situation. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.