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**Further Information on UA 178/04 (ASA 33/013/2004, 21 May 2004) Fear for safety/ "Disappearance"/
Fear of torture or ill-treatment**

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**Sami Yousufzai (m), journalist
Mohammad Salim (m), taxi driver**

Afghan journalist Sami Yousufzai and his driver Mohammad Salim, who "disappeared" on 21 April and were feared to be at risk of torture or ill-treatment, have been released from detention.

The release of the two men took place on 2 June, in the town of Miranshah in the tribal area of North Waziristan. According to media reports, local officials said that they received orders from Islamabad to release the detainees. Brigadier Mehmood Shah, in charge of security in the tribal areas, said that Yousufzai had been released "after the completion of his sentence". Amnesty International is not aware of any charges being brought against the detainees or any trial of the two men.

No further action is required on this case. Thank you to everyone who sent appeals..