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**Further Information on UA 138/04 (EUR 62/005/2004, 02 April 2004) Fear for safety/incommunicado detention/fear of torture**

**UZBEKISTAN**

**Babir Makhmudov (m)**

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Babir Makhmudov was released without charge on 9 April. He was detained following a series of explosions, as well as attacks on police checkpoints, in the capital, Tashkent, and the city of Bukhara from 28 to 31 March 2004.

According to a representative of the international non-governmental organization Human Rights Watch in Tashkent, Babir Makhmudov, is reportedly in good health following his release and was not ill-treated in detention as feared. He was, however, questioned about the violent events of 28 to 31 March.

Amnesty International believes that the publicity surrounding his incommunicado detention and in particular his relationship to his father, the writer and possible prisoner of conscience, Mamadali Makhmudov kept him safe in detention and secured his release.

**Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA Network.**