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Further information on UA 132/00 (MDE 13/11/00, 24 May 2000) - Health concern/unfair trial

IRAN Dr Mahmudali Chehregani, aged 58

Prisoner of conscience Dr Mahmudali Chehregani was released from Tabriz prison on 27 July, after six months in detention.

According to recent press reports, Dr Mahmudali Chehregani was transferred to the prison hospital on 23 July, suffering from internal bleeding. He was subsequently released on 27 July when his condition had stabilised.

Dr Mahmudali Chehregani had reportedly been on hunger strike since 19 May, in protest at his unfair trial. He was tried by a Revolutionary Court in February on charges including smuggling shampoo, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. This effectively prevented him from registering as a candidate for the *Majles* (Parliament) election.

There are concerns that he may be rearrested once he has fully recovered.

We will keep the UA network informed of any developments. No further action is required at this time. Many thanks to everyone who sent appeals.