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**Further Information on UA 137/07 (MDE 13/068/2007, 7 June 2007) and follow-ups (MDE 13/106/2007, 23 August 2007; MDE 13/019/2008, 30 January 2008) - Fear of torture or ill-treatment/possible prisoner of conscience**

**IRAN**                    **Sa'id Metinpour (m), journalist, Azerbaijani cultural rights activist**  
**Elirza Metinpour (m), his brother**

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Prisoners of conscience Sa'id and Elirza Metinpour were released on bail on 27 February, and are now at home with their family in the city of Zenjan. Bail amounting to five billion rials (about US\$540,000) and one billion rials (about US\$110,000) for Sa'id and Elirza Metinpour respectively was paid in the form of several property deeds.

Sa'id Metinpour was arrested on 25 May 2007, in the north-western city of Zenjan, and was later taken to Section 209 of Evin prison, where he was tortured in an attempt to make him confess. His brother Elirza was arrested on 28 August 2007, and was also tortured at Evin prison. The brothers are not known to have been formally charged with any offence.

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