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**Further Information on UA 370/02 (MDE 18/016/2002, 20 December 2002) Fear of torture/
Incommunicado detention/ Possible prisoner of conscience**

LEBANON

Hassan Ahmad al-Nahas (m), 51 businessman

Hassan Ahmad al-Nahas was released without charge on 20 December 2002, 11 days after his arrest on 9 December.

He had been held at an interrogation centre of the Internal Security in Saida. His arrest was reportedly related to some leaflets which were given to him at a mosque in Saida where he was praying.

Hassan Ahmad al-Nahas extends his greetings and thanks to everyone who wrote letters on his behalf.

No further action is required from the UA network.