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Further Information on UA 15/05 (MDE 24/003/2005, 19 January 2005) and follow-up (MDE 24/008/2005, 18 February 2005) - Torture and ill-treatment/ possible unfair trial

SYRIA

- 'Ammar 'Umar (m)
- Kahdar Khaled (m)
- Mas'ud Khaled (m)
- Hasan'Umar (m)
- Murad Aslan (m)
- Daglash Khalil (m)
- Shenidar Muhammad Yusuf (m)
- Shiyar Muhammad Yusuf (m)
- Zerdeshta Muhammad Yusuf (m)
- Zibar Muhammad Yusuf (m)
- Tawfiq Husayn (m)
- Manal 'Abdi (m)
- Diyar'Ali (m)
- Juwan Khaled (m)
- Jivara Shukri (m)

On 30 March, the Syrian authorities announced the release of 312 Syrian Kurds, including the 15 men named above, after they were pardoned by President Bashar al-Asad. They were sentenced by the Supreme State Security Court on 15 February to between two and three years imprisonment, following an unfair trial.

All those released were apparently amongst over 2,000 Syrian Kurds arrested following clashes which erupted at a football match in Qamishli, north-eastern Syria in March 2004. Hundreds of those detained have now been released.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required.