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Further information on UA 48/00 (MDE 24/04/00, 24 February 2000) and follow-up (MDE 24/07/00, 21 March)- "Disappearance"/Fear of Torture/Incommunicado Detention

SYRIARanda Ayyubi (f), 40, housewife

Randa Ayyubi has been released, eight months after she was arrested. She was apparently detained after she made an anti-government remark in the street. The family expressed great gratitude for the work of the Urgent Action network.

She was reportedly freed on 17 May. Her husband and eldest son, who were arrested with her, had been released at the end of February.

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