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Further information on UA 201/08 (MDE 24/019/2008, 14 July 2008) – Fear of torture and other ill - treatment

SYRIA **Hasan Younis Qasem (m), aged 26, student**

Pro-democracy activist Hasan Qasem was released on 24 July. He had been detained by the General Intelligence Department, State Security Branch, in the Kafr Soussa district of Damascus, since 9 July.

He is a member of the pro-democracy umbrella group Damascus Declaration for Democratic National Change (DDDNC). Many members of the group have been arrested since a DDDNC meeting on 1 December 2007, when a steering committee was elected.

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