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**Further information on UA 177/08 (MDE 24/016/2008, 19 June 2008) - Fear of torture and other ill-treatment**

**SYRIA                    Mahmoud al-Najjar (m), aged 48, teacher**

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Mahmoud al-Najjar was released on 24 July. He had been arrested on 16 June at his house in Aleppo city by State Security agents.

He is a member of the pro-democracy umbrella group Damascus Declaration for Democratic National Change (DDDNC). His arrest was linked to his participation in a DDDNC meeting on 1 December 2007.

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