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**Further Information on UA 211/03 (MDE 24/024/2003, 11 July 2003) Possible prisoner of conscience/
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SYRIA 'Abd el-Razaq ('Abu Shaker') Shoullar (m), aged 81 - released

Amnesty International has learned that 'Abd el-Razaq Shoullar, also known as 'Abu Shaker' Shoullar, was released from the Military Intelligence branch in the city of Homs, western Syria, at 2.30pm on 29 July. He was then reunited with his wife, Salasabila al-Azhari, who had been refused permission to see him since 1980.

'Abd el-Razaq Shoullar had been held incommunicado by Military Intelligence since returning from 23 years' exile in Saudi Arabia on 4 June. It appears that his family were targeted by the authorities as a result of his three sons' alleged affiliation to the Muslim Brotherhood, an unauthorised opposition group.

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