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Further information on UA 273/01 (MDE 28/008/2001, 25 October 2001) - Fear of "disappearance"/Fear of torture

ALGERIANacer Hamani

Nacer Hamani was released in the evening of 27 October.

Police took him to a hotel in Algiers, where they kept him under surveillance. The following day they took him to Algiers airport, and he flew to Annaba, where some of his family live. He has not been in contact with his lawyer, and is reportedly not speaking to anybody.

He had been deported from France on 16 October and arrested on arrival.

Correction: In the original Urgent Action on this case (AI Index: MDE 28/008/2001), the second paragraph of the "Background Information" section indicated that "The deportation ruling [against Nacer Hamani] was challenged by the French Interior Ministry, but upheld by the *Conseil d'Etat* (State Council), France's highest administrative court."

This sentence was incorrect and should have read: "The deportation ruling was suspended by an administrative court. The French Interior Ministry challenged the court's decision, and the *Conseil d'Etat* (State Council), France's highest administrative court, subsequently upheld the expulsion order."

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