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- Legal concern / Prisoner of conscience / Health concern

TUNISIA Mohamed MOUADDA, leader of opposition political party

Mohamed Mouadda was released from prison on 30 December 1996, having served 10 months of a prison term of 11 years after an unfair trial before the appeal court in Tunis. Amnesty International considered him to be a prisoner of conscience held solely on account of his peaceful political activities as leader of the opposition (*Mouvement des Démocrates Socialistes*), MDS, (Movement of Democratic Socialists).

His release is reportedly conditional although the conditions are not entirely clear at the moment.

Khemais Chammari, another prisoner of conscience, was also released on 30 December.

Many thanks to all who appealed on behalf of Mohamed Mouadda. UA participants may wish to send another round of letters or faxes,

- welcoming the release from prison of Mohamed Mouadda;
- urging the authorities to lift conditions related to his release.

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