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Further information on EXTRA 128/97 (MDE 30/51/97, 30 September 97) and follow-ups (MDE 30/51/97, 2 October 1997, MDE 30/59/97, 15 December 1997, MDE 30/02/98, 21 January 1998, MDE 30/03/98, 12 February 1998, MDE 30/11/98, 28 April 1998, MDE 30/18/98, 26 June 1998, MDE 30/19/98, 1 July 1998) - Prisoner of conscience/health concern/legal concern

TUNISIA

Khémais KSILA

Khémais Ksila was released on 22 September 1999, having served two years of his three-year prison sentence.

The following day he was taken to the police station and asked to sign a declaration promising not to issue further communiqués or statements on the human rights situation in Tunisia. He refused to do this and was released after a couple of hours.

Khémais Ksila, vice-president of the *Ligue Tunisienne des Droits de l'Homme* (LTDH), Tunisian Human Rights League, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in February 1998, on charges of "outrage to public order, spreading false information and inciting citizens to break the law". He had been in prison since his arrest in September 1997.

No further action is requested from the network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.