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Further Information on UA 04/08 (MDE 23/002/2008, 4 January 2008) Fear of torture or other ill-treatment/incommunicado detention

SAUDI ARABIA Fouad Ahmad al-Farhan (m) aged 32, owner of a small IT company

Blogger Fouad Ahmad al-Farhan was released without charge on 26 April.

Fouad Ahmad al-Farhan, who owns a small IT company, had been arrested at his office on 10 December, and was held at Dhaban Prison, in the city of Jeddah.

An official from the Interior Ministry had apparently warned him that he was at risk of being taken in for interrogation by the Ministry. He believed that this would be in connection with his writings on political prisoners in his blog.

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