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Further information on EXTRA 10/00 (EUR 23/02/00, 18 February 2000) -
Forcible Return / Risk of Torture

GERMANY 'Abd al-Akher Hammad, aged 44
 Muhi al-Din Ahmad 'Abd al-Mun'im, aged 40
 Their families

On 27 March 2000, Egyptian asylum-seekers 'Abd al-Akher Hammad and Muhi al-Din Ahmad 'Abd al-Mun'im and their families left Frankfurt am Main airport after a judge decided to allow them to "formally" enter German territory.

They had been at the airport since they arrived in Germany on 26 January and applied for asylum. Their asylum applications were rejected and their appeals turned down after being processed under an accelerated special "airport procedure" (*Flughafenverfahren*).

The judge's decision followed attempts by the German authorities to remove them from the country, including flying them to Iran where they were refused entry and returned to Germany. Their asylum claims will now be reviewed by an administrative court and the danger of them being imminently deported is now gone.

Many thanks to the Urgent Action network for sending appeals on their behalf. No further action is required.