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Further Information on UA 107/04 (MDE 24/018/2004, 21 April 2004) Possible prisoners of conscience / Fear of torture or ill-treatment

SYRIA **Fahim Hassan Yusuf (m)**
 Jomard Fahim Yusuf (m), his son
 Hussain Muhammad Murad (m)
 Akram Muhammad Murad (m)
 Hassan Muhammad Murad (m)
 Khader Nawar Manja (m)
 Zeres Nawar Manja (m)

The seven Syrian Kurdish men named above are now known to have been released a few days after they were arrested.

It is not known where they were held or how they were treated, but their arrests, in the early hours of 9 March, were apparently linked to Kurdish musical celebrations the previous day, to mark International Women's Day.

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