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Further information on UA 57/98 (AFR 25/07/98, 20 February 1998) - Fear for safety / Legal concern

ETHIOPIA Abebe Abashu, folk-singer

Yadesa Bedassa, student

Alemayehu Dirro, employee of *Hundee*, an Oromo NGO

Ademe Gebre-Senbet, Nebe Transport Company manager

Alemu Kanaa, auditor

Sori Kitila, university student

Dawit Mekonnen, folk-singer in *Gada* band

Isayas Negatu, photographer

Mohamed Sheka, folk-singer in *Bilisuma* band

Amsalu Taye, employee of Oda company

Bekele Tefera, laboratory technician, Pasteur Clinic

Tejitu Tucho (f), business-person

Alemayehu Umatta, journalist on the official *Barissa* Oromo-language newspaper

Muktar Usman, folk-singer in *Gada* band

Hundesha Wakwaya, translator and part-time journalist for

*Urji* newspaper, disabled

and many others

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Amnesty International has learned that Abebe Abashu, Yadesa Bedassa, Alemayehu Dirro, Ademe Gebre-Senbet, Sori Kitila, Dawit Mekonnen, Isayas Negatu, Mohamed Sheka, Alemayehu Umatta, Muktar Usman and Hundesha Wakwaya were released following a short period in detention. It is possible that some of the other individuals named above have also been released, although this has not been confirmed.

This case will be pursued through other action forms, and no further action by the UA Network is therefore needed. Thank you to all who sent appeals.