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Further information (3) on EXTRA 85/96 (AFR 32/07/96, 7 June) and follow-ups AFR 32/08/96, 13 June, and AFR 32/09/96, 5 July - Prisoner of conscience / health concern

KENYANjehu GATABAKI, aged in his 50s, opposition member of parliament, editor

Njehu Gatabaki appeared in court on 10 July without any further problems. His passport is being returned to him this week in order for him to leave the country for medical treatment.

The sedition case against Njehu Gatabaki is still pending. Further campaigning on his behalf will now be undertaken by other Amnesty International groups and networks. In a letter to an Amnesty International member in Ireland, Njehu Gatabaki said, *"May I take this opportunity to express profound appreciation for your support. The letters you wrote to President Moi, the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Police, in addition to a flow of many more from Amnesty International worldwide, have had a dramatic effect. The Police have quietly and reluctantly withdrawn the murder charges ... Once more, thank you very much for your support and concern."*

No further action is requested by Urgent Action participants. Thank you to all who sent appeals.