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**Further information on UA 128/02 (AFR 34/005/2002, 26 April 2002) - Torture/fear for safety**

**LIBERIATiawon Gongloe (m), human rights lawyer**

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Tiawon Gongloe was discharged from hospital on 1 May. The police put him in the charge of Archbishop Michael Francis, a prominent advocate of human rights, and he is now at home.

He has not been charged with any offence, but is likely to face further police investigation. He is due to appear in court within the next few days.

**Many thanks to all those who took action on behalf of Tiawon Gongloe. If possible, please send a final round of appeals, in English or your own language:**

- welcoming the release of Tiawon Gongloe;
- calling on the authorities to investigate allegations that he was tortured **at police headquarters in Monrovia** on 24 April, and to bring those responsible to justice;
- calling on the authorities to stop the security forces attacking, harassing and ill-treating human rights defenders solely for their legitimate scrutiny and criticism of the Liberian government

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Dear President Taylor**

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**Salutation: Dear Mr Mulbah**

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