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Further information on UA 340/92 (AFR 36/42/92, 4 November 1992) and follow-up AFR 36/43/92, 9 November 1993 - Legal concern/Fear of torture/Possible extrajudicial execution

MALAWI: ULAYA, male, first name unknown, member of Alliance for Democracy (AFORD)
Ten other supporters of AFORD
Chakufwa CHIHANA, trade union official, president of AFORD
Bazuka MHANGO, lawyer

Amnesty International understands that the people who were arrested outside the court where Chakufwa Chihana was being tried on 4 November 1992 were all released quite quickly without being charged. The trial of Chakufwa Chihana, a prisoner of conscience, continued and he was convicted of sedition and sentenced to two years' imprisonment - see UA 114/92 (AFR 36/09/92, 6 April 1992) and follow-ups AFR 36/10/92, 14 April 1992, AFR 36/13/92, 30 April 1992, AFR 36/17/92, 8 May 1992, AFR 36/19/92, 12 May 1992, AFR 36/23/92, 5 June 1992, AFR 36/32/92, 13 July 1992, AFR 36/34/92, 15 July 1992, AFR 36/39/92, 15 September 1992 and AFR 36/04/93, 14 January 1993.

Chakufwa Chihana's lawyer, Bazuko Mhango, has continued to represent him.

Amnesty International has no more information about the reported death from police beating of an AFORD supporter outside the court where Chakufwa Chihana's trial was taking place in Lilongwe on 2 November 1992.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.