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Zambia: Amnesty International welcomes the court decision to acquit Fred M'membe.

*Amnesty International welcomed the Lusaka High Court decision to
acquit Fred M'membe, Editor-in-Chief of The Post.*

*"Yesterday's ruling is a victory for the right of freedom to
expression in Zambia," Amnesty International said. "Ensuring respect for
the fundamental right to freedom of expression is especially important as
the country is going into an election campaign next year".*

*This ruling also confirms the independence of the Zambian
judiciary in a case where the government has attempted to use politically
motivated charges to suppress Zambia's independent press.*

*Amnesty International hopes that the court's verdict will
discourage the Zambian government from further harassing the
independent media through misuse of criminal charges.*

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