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Further information on UA 378/97 (AFR 17/29/97, 1 December 1997) - Fear of refoulement

CAMEROON/CHAD Michel Nguimbaye Barde, Commissioner for Defence and chief of staff of the *Forces armées pour la République fédérale* (FARF), Armed Forces for the Federal Republic
Alamine Guirgue, Executive Secretary of the FARF

and new name: Allah-Afra Boyalkaya (name not previously known)

Three Chadian nationals, arrested in Cameroon in November 1997, were released from detention on 7 July 1998.

Michel Nguimbaye Barde, Alamine Guirgue and Allah-Afra Boyalkaya are prominent members of the *Forces armées pour la République fédérale* (FARF), Armed Forces for the Federal Republic, a former Chadian armed opposition group. Amnesty International feared that they might be forcibly returned to Chad where they would be at serious risk of torture, ill-treatment and extrajudicial execution.

No further action by Urgent Action participants is requested. Thank you to all those who participated in this action.