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Amnesty International has just learned that all 42 *Dayak Iban* arrested on 25 June 1997 in connection with a dispute over their native customary land have now been released. The nine female members of the group were released on 2 July and the others were all released by 12 July, after their relatives were able to raise bail of RM3,000 (about US\$1,170) per person. The group has been ordered to keep the peace for six months. Their appeal hearing against this order is due to be heard in October 1997.

None of the group has been charged with any offence.

Some members of the group are also reported to be considering filing civil cases against the police for assault, wrongful arrest and false imprisonment.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.