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Further information on EXTRA 113/96 (AFR 32/11/96, 23 July 1996) and follow-up (AFR 32/14/96, 6 August) - Prisoners of Conscience / Health concern

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The trial of the 21 members of the human rights organization Release Political Prisoners (RPP), scheduled for 19 August 1996, has been adjourned until 6 November at the request of the defence team.

All the defendants have now been released on bail and are recovering after being detained in harsh prison conditions. Josephine Nyawira Ngengi, for whom there was particular concern given that she had recently undergone an operation after she was tortured in earlier police custody (see original EXTRA), is reported to be sick and is currently receiving treatment.

Amnesty International remains concerned that the 21 were prisoners of conscience, who are facing politically motivated charges. It continues to call for all charges against them to be dropped, and UA participants may continue appeals calling for this. Such appeals would be particularly useful if arriving in the period leading up to 19 September, when the case comes to mention (a brief pre-trial court hearing). You will be updated on developments if the trial goes ahead, when further action may be requested.

The members of RPP have asked for their sincere thanks to be relayed to the Urgent Action Network for its appeals on their behalf.

(Please note: The PO Box number of President Daniel arap Moi was incorrectly given as PO Box 30501. It should be 30510).