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Further information on UA 23/95 (AFR 38/01/95, 27 January 1995) - Fear of torture / Legal concern

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Amnesty International has learned that the eight opposition leaders arrested on 23 January 1995 following bread riots in the capital, Nouakchott, have been unconditionally released from detention.

The government, which had accused the leaders of trying to destabilise the country by taking advantage of discontent over a 25 per cent rise in the price of bread, lifted an overnight curfew last week. Ahmed Ould Daddah, the leader of the main opposition party, the Union of Democratic Forces (UFD), who returned home on 5 February, was the last person to be released. He had been held at Tichitt, 700 km (435 miles) from the capital.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action Network. Thank you to all who sent appeals on behalf of the opposition leaders.