

URGENT ACTION

TWO YEAR SENTENCE FOR EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS

Chadian activist Djerlar Miankeol has been sentenced to two years in prison and fined 100,000 Cfa francs for expressing his opinion on corrupt practices of some judicial officers in Chad during a radio interview.

Chadian activist **Djerlar Miankeol** who is the Director of Association Ngaoubourandi (ASNGA), was arrested on 15 June after a radio interview on radio FM Liberté during which he condemned the corrupt practices of some judicial officers. He was charged with "insulting the judiciary" on 16 June and transferred to the prison of Moundou.

The trial against Djerlar Miankeol began on 30 June and the High Court of Justice of Moundou sentenced him to two years in prison and fine him 100,000 Cfa francs (around 167USD) on 7 July. Since 23 June, Djerlar Miankeol has been receiving treatment for malaria and typhoid at the regional hospital of Moundou. There is concern over his health if he is transferred back to prison to serve out his sentence.

Amnesty International considers him to be a prisoner of conscience who was arrested and sentenced solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression.

Please write immediately in French, English or your own language:

- Calling on the Chadian authorities to release Djerlar Miankeol immediately and unconditionally;
- Urging them to ensure that Djerlar Miankeol is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated and has access to sustained medical care he may require;
- Urging them to end all harassment of Djerlar Miankeol and all other human rights activists and defenders in Chad, in particular judicial harassment.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 20 AUGUST 2015 TO:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Djeralar Miankeol is a Chadian activist and Director of Director of Association Ngaoubourandi (ASNGA). Ngaoubourandi and ASNGA mean "rainbow of hope" and "enough conflict" in local languages. The organization's activities are focused on opposing land-grabbing, and oil production issues.

Prison conditions in Chad are deplorable that they amount to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment. Prison cells are severely overcrowded, and food and drinking water are inadequate and sometimes unavailable. Prisoners depend on family and friends to bring them adequate food and other basic necessities such as clothes, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

The prison of Moundou, where Djeralar Miankeol is expected to serve out his sentence, is 15 - 20km away from his house. His family have to travel this distance every day, to bring him food, water and other necessities.

Name: Djeralar Miankeol

Gender m/f: Male

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