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Further Information on UA 25/03 (AFR 16/001/2003, 27 January 2003) Detention without charge/Unlawful detention/Fear of ill-treatment

BURUNDI

Alexandre NZEYIMANA, aged approximately 12

Alexandre Nzeyimana, who was aged approximately 12 years old at the time of his arrest in April 2002, was unconditionally released on 20 February 2003. His release was ordered by a magistrate investigating his case.

He had been detained without charge in Mpimba Central prison, Bujumbura, in violation of Burundian law, which states that no child under the age of 13 at the time of the alleged offence may be detained.

No further action is required from the UA network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.