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Further information on UA 353/97 (AFR 17/27/97, 7 November 1997) and follow-up (AFR 17/30/97, 12 December) - Fear of torture and ill-treatment / Possible prisoners of conscience

CAMEROON Members and supporters of the Social Democratic Front (SDF) including:

Justin Pokam  
Thomas Seme  
Konga Philip Kuate  
Victoria Musong (f)  
Grégoire Diboule  
Oliver Finya  
Wavie Asago  
Richard Nyieka  
Stephen Aka  
Julius Mbenya  
Chief Mond

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Chief Mond, Chairman of the Social Democratic Front (SDF) electoral district in Pinyin, Mezam Division, North-West Province, was released without charge on 17 December 1997, almost two months after his arrest. He had been arrested on 22 October, apparently accused of preventing the presidential election of 12 October from proceeding.

He was among dozens of SDF members and supporters arrested and detained before and after the presidential election. The SDF, together with opposition political parties, had called for a boycott of the election. Most, if not all, appeared to be prisoners of conscience. All were subsequently released without charge.

No further action by Urgent Action participants is requested. Thank you to all who sent appeals.