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CHADNgarléguy Yorongar le Moiban, leader of opposition party, the *Front d'action pour la République-Fédération*, Action Front for the Republic-Federation

Ngarléguy Yorongar le Moiban, who was arrested on 3 July 1996, was released uncharged on 16 July. No official reason has been given for his arrest although he was reportedly accused of campaigning past the deadline for the end of campaigning for the second round of the presidential elections, of visiting a voting station without authorization, and of inciting rebellion and hiding firearms. Amnesty International believes the real reason for his arrest may have been his non-violent political activities.

After his arrest in Bébedjia, Logone oriental, he was transferred on 7 July to the *Brigade de Recherche*, the Gendarmerie's Investigation Brigade in N'Djaména, where for most of his detention he was denied access to his family and to medical care and at no time was he allowed to see a lawyer. There are reports that he was ill-treated in the early stages of his detention in Bébedjia.

No further appeals by the Urgent Action Network are necessary. Thanks to all those who took part.