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Further information on EXTRA 85/96 (AFR 32/07/96, 7 June 1996) - Prisoner of conscience / Health concern

KENYANjehu GATABAKI, aged in his 50s, opposition member of parliament, editor

Njehu Gatabaki was admitted to Nairobi Hospital on 9 June 1996 suffering from severe hypertension. He did not attend Nairobi Magistrates Court on 10 June as expected. Njehu Gatabaki's lawyers applied for an adjournment which was granted. The chief magistrate, Uniter Kidullah, ordered that a medical report be presented to the court by the 24 June 1996.

Njehu Gatabaki's health has improved since 9 June. He is now receiving medication and he is reported to be in a stable condition. He is expected to remain in hospital for about five days.

Amnesty International remains concerned that the police may attempt to arrest Njehu Gatabaki when he next attends court -- 24 June if his health improves -- on false charges.

THIS IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Please continue appeals as specified in the original action until 24 June 1996.