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Further information on UA 158/98 (AFR 32/17/98, 20 May 1998) and follow-up (AFR 32/20/98, 22 May 1998) - Prisoner of conscience/Possible prisoner of conscience

KENYAN Njuguna Mutahi, human rights activist working for the Kenyan
Human Rights Commission (KHRC)
Wahome Karengo, journalist

Njuguna Mutahi and Wahome Karengo were arrested on or about 15 May 1998 and were illegally held for four days in incommunicado detention before being charged with theft. Njuguna Mutahi was a prisoner of conscience and Amnesty International feared that Wahome Karengo might also be a prisoner of conscience.

Since their release on bail on 22 May, Amnesty International has received the following message from Njuguna Mutahi:

"I do not know how to say this but let me just say it. I was so overwhelmed by the support from amnesty members and I think that I now have a good idea of what a membership organisation can do. To all of the people who sent out appeals, I say a big thank you. I owe my release to their efforts.

Once again, thank you.

Njuguna Mutahi"

No further action is required. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.