

EXTERNAL (for general distribution)

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KENYA: Joe Mwangi Mathai

Simon Wambugu Maina
Catherine Wairimu Mathu (f)
Charity Wanjiru Muriuki (f)
Peter Maina Ngatia
Ann Wairimu Wachira (f)

Stephen Kimili Kamau
Joseph Karanja
John Kariuki
John Kinuthia
David Kuria
John (or Shadrack) Maina
Joseph Gitau Maina
David Nderitu
Jane Wambui (f)
Ruth Wanjiru (f)

Johnstone Njoroge Kimuhu
John Swaleh Mbuvi
Samuel Ondiek Mukua
Paul Nganga Mwangi
Bernard Wanjohi

John Waweru
Joseph Karimi Muthekia
Muraya Kamau

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The 24 above-named people were arrested in Nakuru and Nairobi between 20 June and 6 July 1990, and were charged with offences connected to the production, distribution, selling or possession of popular music cassettes which the government claimed were "subversive".

Joseph Mwangi Mathai, Simon Wambugu Maina, Catherine Wairimu Mathu, Charity Wanjiru Muriuki, Peter Maina Ngatia and Ann Wairimu Wachira were released on bail of 50,000 Kenya shillings each (approximately 300 pounds sterling). On 28 September the Attorney General said he would not be proceeding with the charges against them.

It is probable that all the others charged with selling or possessing these cassettes (some of whom are still in custody as they were unable to raise the high bail payment) will also soon be discharged. No further action is required, thank you to all those who sent appeals on their behalf.

