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Liberia: Amnesty International welcomes the release of journalists

**** News Flash ****

Amnesty International welcomes the release of the four broadcasters working for Channel 4, a UK television channel and CNN – Sorious Samura, a Sierra Leonean, Gugulakhe Radebe, a South African, and British citizens David Barrie and Timothy John Lambon who were arrested on charges of espionage nearly a week ago.

However, Amnesty International is still concerned about these latest attacks on freedom of the news media in Liberia. The human rights group warned that human rights defenders and journalists in the country have frequently been arrested, threatened or forced into exile because of their work.

Amnesty International calls on President Charles Taylor's government to respect the right to freedom of expression in all cases.

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