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Malawi:Bakili Muluzi, Chairman of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and opposition activist

Bakili Muluzi, Chairman of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and opposition activist, who was arrested on 15 February 1993 at the order of Life-President Banda, was released on bail from Chichiri Prison on 18 February 1993. He has reportedly been charged with misappropriation of Malawi Congress Party (MCP) funds in the 1970s, but the real reason for his arrest and this charge would appear to be his opposition to the government and his campaigning for multi-party democracy.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No further action is required on this case by the Urgent Action Network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.