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Coumba SY (female)

Yedalli Ould CHEIKH, former Minister of Justice from 1979 to 1980

Hamdi Ould MAHJOUB, former head of Bar Association and former mayor of Nouadhibou

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Ladji TANDIA, pharmacist

and many others

All the above prisoners arrested since 26 January 1992 have now been released.

Some were released around 2 February, but 44 remained in detention, reportedly facing charges; some are reported to have been ill-treated. The remaining prisoners were released on 5 February 1992.

No further appeals are required. Many thanks to all those who wrote on their behalf.