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Further information on UA 138/96 (AFR 44/09/96, 7 June 1996) - and follow-up (AFR 44/19/96, 2 August) - Fear of extrajudicial executions / Prisoners of conscience / Health concern / Legal concern

NIGERIA      Alhaja Kudirat Abiola (f), aged 44, businesswoman  
                 Moshood Abiola, aged 58, winner of 1993 presidential elections

                 Alhaji Ganiyu Dawodu, aged 63

Chief Ayo Adebajo, aged 69

Former Senator Abraham Adesanya, aged 74

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On 18 September 1996, a court ruling on the government's appeal against the 16 July release order for Alhaji Ganiyu Dawodu, Chief Ayo Adebajo and former Senator Abraham Adesanya (see previous update) was adjourned until 11 October.

As a result, these three senior members of the National Democratic Coalition (NADECO), arrested in connection with the murder on 4 June 1996 of Alhaja Kudirat Abiola, remain in detention. Amnesty International believes that they are prisoners of conscience and continues to call for their immediate and unconditional release.

No progress has been reported in the police investigation into Kudirat Abiola's killing.

The cases of these detainees will be taken up by other parts of the Amnesty International membership, and no further action by the UA Network is requested at present. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.