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Further Information on UA 69/03 (AFR 46/006/2003, 11 March 2003) Abduction/"disappearance"/fear for safety

ZIMBABWE Mthulisi Mloyi (m), member of Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), aged approximately 23

Mthulisi Mloyi, a youth activist for the opposition political group Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), was released by a gang of "war veterans" who had reportedly been holding him since 8 March. According to reports, he was physically assaulted and stripped naked before being released. Amnesty International has not received any information indicating that police will investigate the abduction.

Mthulisi Mloyi "disappeared" after being abducted at Nkabayinde business centre in Nkayi district, north Matebeleland, while putting up posters advertising an MDC rally. His colleague recognized one of the abductors as a leading local "war veteran". "War veterans" are often supporters of the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union -Patriotic Front (ZANU - PF).

No further action by the UA network is requested at this time. Thank you to all who sent appeals.