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Further information on UA 396/92 (AFR 53/30/92, 16 December 1992) - Legal concern / fear of ill-treatment

SOUTH AFRICA:        Morris MORE, aged mid-20s, Chairperson of the African National Congress (ANC) Youth League, "Vaal triangle" area south of Johannesburg  
                         Victor RADEBE, aged 16, school student  
                         Michael KGAILE, ANC Youth League member  
                         Levy MAKOE, ANC Youth League member  
                         Oupa MODIKOANE, member of the South African Communist Party (SACP), Vaal triangle

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The five detainees named above remained in arbitrary detention until early January 1993 when they were all charged or released. The temporary emergency regulations declaring Sebokeng township an "unrest area" were lifted on 5 January 1993, some three weeks before they would have been due to expire or be renewed, on 28 January 1993.

Oupa Modikoane and Victor Radebe were released uncharged on 5 January 1993.

Morris More continued to be denied bail until the "unrest areas" regulations were lifted on 5 January 1993, although no new charges were brought against him. He was then not released until 8 January due to difficulties in raising the bail amount. He was due to appear in court later in January. Amnesty International does not yet know the outcome.

Levy Makoe and Michael Kgaile were charged, and Amnesty International does not have further details of their cases at present.

No further action is requested. Thank you to all who appealed on behalf of these detainees.