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At the appeal hearing on 5 July 1994 for the prisoners of conscience named above, the original sentences of two years' imprisonment for all 14 were reduced to three months' suspended sentences. They were all released immediately after the verdict was pronounced.

Amnesty International welcomes the reduction on appeal of their sentences. However, the organization continues to deplore the fact that they were arrested and tried in the first place, simply for having exercised their universally recognized right to freedom of expression and association.

No further action is required from the UA Network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.