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In March 2015, Congolese security forces stormed a press conference organized by Filimbi (“whistle” in Swahili), a youth movement that encourages people to get involved in peaceful political debate and action. Filimbi members Fred Bauma and Yves Makwambala were among 30 arrested.

Others included youth activists from Senegal and Burkina Faso, international journalists and an American diplomat, who have since been released or deported. But Fred and Yves are still behind bars, facing serious charges.

After their arrest, they were held at a secret location for two weeks. They were also interrogated in secret – Yves for 40 days, Fred for 50 – and denied visits by friends or lawyers. They are now awaiting trial in a Kinshasa jail, accused of forming a criminal gang and attempting to overthrow the regime of President Kabila.



According to their lawyers, there is simply no criminal evidence against them. But this case is politically motivated and, if convicted, they could face the death penalty. The authorities have sought to label Fred and Yves as “terrorists and plotters”. They are quite the opposite: prisoners of conscience, locked up for promoting democracy and trying to hold the government to account.

Enough is enough. Call on the Congolese authorities to drop these absurd charges and release Fred and Yves immediately.

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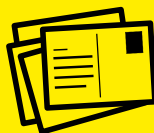


Write to the President of Congo

Call on the President of Congo to order the immediate and unconditional release of Fred Bauma and Yves Makwambala and drop all charges against them.

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Send Fred and Yves your support

Write Fred and Yves a letter or postcard to tell them you are calling for their release and the political freedom they stand for.

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