

URGENT ACTION

GAMBIAN PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE RELEASED

Islamic cleric Imam Baba Leigh was released on 10 May 2013, after more than five months of being subjected to enforced disappearance, for publicly condemning the execution of nine death row inmates in August 2012.

On 10 May 2012 **Imam Baba Leigh**, a prominent Islamic cleric and activist, was freed after being held for more than five months at an unknown location in the Gambia. He was arrested on 3 December 2012 by two officers of the National Intelligence Agency and told he was being taken to their headquarters for questioning.

Imam Baba Leigh was never charged with a crime, never brought before a court and during his detention was not allowed to contact his family or his lawyer. He was effectively disappeared. Amnesty International adopted him as a Prisoner of Conscience.

Imam Baba Leigh thanks everyone who worked for his release.

Amnesty International remains concerned about the five months Imam Baba Leigh spent unlawfully detained, and about his treatment in detention, and will continue to work on his case through other channels.

There is no need to take further action on this case. Many thanks to everyone who has campaigned on his behalf.

This is the first update of UA: 353/12. Further information: <http://amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR27/014/2012/en>

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