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Further information on UA 208/98 (AFR 24/20/98, 23 July 1998) - Fear of torture / Prisoner of conscience

EQUATORIAL GUINEA José Oló Obono, lawyer

José Oló Obono was provisionally released on 21 August 1998 charged with abuse ("injuria"). No date has been set for the trial.

José Oló Obono had been in detention since his arrest one month earlier following his public denunciation of the torture of detainees in the country. Amnesty International believes he was arrested solely for seeking to prevent the court from admitting as evidence statements made under torture from detainees on trial for their alleged involvement in an attack on military barracks in January and, after the trial, protesting at their harsh prison conditions.

No further action by the Urgent action Network is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.