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Further information on UA 208/02 (AFR 25/020/2002, 8 July 2002) - Fear for safety / Fear of torture / Incommunicado detention

ETHIOPIAKebede Mammo (m), school director Mosissa Futasa (m), aged 50 ] Dinsa Serbessa (m), aged 53 ] Tesfaye Taressa (m), aged 39 ]

All those named above, as well as many others prisoners being held in Ambo prison for suspected links with the armed opposition group the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) were taken to court and provisionally released. They remain under investigation for the less serious offences.

Hundreds of people remain in detention without charge or trial in different parts of Oromia region following student demonstrations in March and April (see UA 101/02, AFR 23/010/2002, 3 April 2002, and follow-ups AFR 25/014/2002, 19 April 2002; AFR 25/016/2002, 21 June 2002; AFR 25/018/2002, 1 July 2002). Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further appeals on this action are requested from the network at this time.