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**KENYA:Koigi wa Wamwere, former member of parliament
Mirugi Kariuki, lawyer
Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki, farmer
and Rumba Kinuthia, lawyer**

On 19 January 1993 at a High Court hearing in Nairobi, the state prosecuting counsel, on the instructions of the Attorney General, unexpectedly dropped the treason charges against all these four prisoners and they were released.

Rumba Kinuthia will probably remain in hospital until his treatment is completed, but with the wrist-chain removed. He had previously been held under armed guard and constantly chained to his hospital bed each night. The other three above mentioned prisoners should now be able to seek the medical treatment they need.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No further action is requested on this case by the Urgent Action network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.