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MAURITANIAAhmed Ould Daddah, opposition leader

Ahmed Ould Daddah was released without charge on 29 April. His supporters thanked Amnesty International for their work on his behalf, and stressed that international pressure was crucial in obtaining his release.

Prisoner of conscience Ahmed Ould Daddah had been held incommunicado since 24 April. He was arrested for "inciting violence", after he called for a peaceful mass protest against the government's failure to uphold the rule of law and investigate the widespread political killings, "disappearances" and torture committed during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.