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RWANDA:Jean-Baptiste GACUKIRO

Amnesty International has learned that Jean-Baptiste Gacukiro was released in early February 1992 following a general amnesty for political prisoners.

Reports have indicated that he has returned to Gisenyi to be reunited with his family.

Jean Baptiste Gacukiro was re-arrested on 3 April 1991 at Gisenyi in northwestern Rwanda, soon after his release from two months' detention without charge or trial and subsequently held at Kigali Central Prison. He was held in incommunicado detention for nine months. Although reasons for his detention remain unclear it is likely that he was held in custody on the basis of uncorroborated denunciations by a business rival that he supported the Front Partiotique rwandais rebel group.

Amnesty International was concerned that Jean-Baptiste Gacukiro was held without charge or trial and that he possibly suffered ill-treatment while being held incommunicado in military custody.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals on his behalf. No further action is required.