

URGENT ACTION

JEAN LAOKOLE FREED WITH SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Writer and humanitarian worker Jean Laokole was released on 19 August after receiving a three-year suspended prison sentence from the N'Djamena High Court. His lawyer appealed against the decision the same day.

Jean Laokole had been arrested on 22 March by a group of men in civilian clothes while he was with family members in his car in the Atrone suburb of the Chadian capital, N'Djamena. He was detained incommunicado for three days and then transferred to the Am Sinene prison, where he remained until he was released on 19 August. He was charged with defamation.

Jean Laokole thanked Amnesty International members for their action on his behalf.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

Name: Jean Laokole
Gender m/f: m

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