

# URGENT ACTION

**HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER FREED, LAWYER RISKS JAIL**  
**The Angolan Supreme Tribunal acquitted human rights defender José Marcos Mavungo on 19 May and he was released the following day. He is now home with his family. Human rights lawyer Arão Bula Tempo still risks 5 to 12 years in jail if the court allows his case to proceed to trial.**

The Angolan Supreme Tribunal heard **José Marcos Mavungo's** appeal on 19 May and acquitted the human rights defender. In its decision, the Tribunal found that there was not enough evidence to convict him. José Marcos Mavungo was released on the morning of 20 May and went home to meet his family and friends. He thanked Amnesty International and its members for supporting his case and for contributing towards making his freedom a reality.

Human rights lawyer **Arão Bula Tempo** is still waiting for a judge to analyse the charges against him and make a decision on whether his case should go to trial or to dismiss the charges. He was formally charged with attempted "collaboration with foreigners to constrain the Angolan state" (up to five years imprisonment) and rebellion (up to 12 years imprisonment) on 22 October 2015. Both are categorized as crimes against the security of the state. He is accused of inviting foreign journalists from the Republic of Congo to cover a peaceful protest against bad governance in Cabinda Province, Angola, that was being planned by José Marcos Mavungo.

Arão Bula Tempo is ill and requires specialized medical care. However, as a condition of his release, he is not allowed to leave Cabinda without authorization from Angolan authorities. He has stated that he does not feel safe receiving treatment in state-owned hospitals and urgently needs to seek health care outside Cabinda province. On 28 January, after analysing a medical report of Arão Bula Tempo's health condition, the judge authorised him to seek medical care in Luanda, the capital, for only 30 days. But he needs more time for treatment. This is a violation of his right to freedom of movement, and amounts to a violation of his right to the highest attainable standard of health.

**Please write immediately in Portuguese, English, French or your own language:**

- Urging Angolan authorities to drop the charges against Arão Bula Tempo as they have been brought against him solely because of his human rights work;
- Urging them to lift the travel restrictions on Arão Bula Tempo to enable him to exercise his right to freedom of movement and to seek the health care he needs.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 18 JULY 2016 TO:**

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Manuel Biongo, Arão Bula Tempo's client, was arrested alongside him on 14 March 2015. He was conditionally released on the same day as Arão Tempo and was also formally charged on 22 October 2015 with attempted "collaboration with foreigners to constrain the Angolan state". He faces up to 5 years in jail.

Dissent in Angola is frequently dealt with repressively, and often violently, by the authorities. Amnesty International has documented how the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly have been unlawfully restricted in Angola in its report Punishing Dissent: Suppression of Freedom of Association and Assembly in Angola (<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/afr12/004/2014/en/>).

Some of those who have challenged the government of President José Eduardo dos Santos have been subjected to enforced disappearance, extrajudicial execution, arbitrary detention, and torture and other ill-treatment. Freedoms of expression, association and peaceful assembly are clearly enshrined in Angola's constitution and several international treaties that the country has ratified, but violations of these rights continue.

Names: José Marcos Mavungo, Arão Bula Tempo  
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