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Further Information on UA 361/02 (AFR 12/004/2002, 13 December 2002 and follow-up AFR 12/001/2003; 14 January 2003) - Arbitrary detention/fear for safety/fear of torture/incommunicado detention

ANGOLA **João Gime (m), aged 47, oil company worker**
Ivo Macaia (m), aged 44, storekeeper
Estevão Buanje (m), aged about 30
António Mambo Tigre (m), aged about 43
Lourenço Gomes Pitra (m), aged about 40
Buingi (m), catechist (religious teacher)
Bento Banto (m)
Daniel (m), Bento Banto's nephew

Those named above have reportedly been released without charge or trial. João Gime and Ivo Macaia were released on 20 January 2003. It is not known exactly when the others were released, but it may have been on the same day.

Ivo Macaia was reportedly bitten by a scorpion whilst he was held for five in a hole full of water up to his neck. He was however given medical treatment.

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