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Further information on UA 290/97 (AFR 16/34/97, 3 September 1997) - Fear of torture / Possible prisoner of conscience

BURUNDI Doctor Sylvère SAKUBU

In September, Amnesty International raised concern for the safety of Dr Sylvère Sakubu, following his arrest on 29 August 1997, in Bujumbura, the capital.

The organization has received confirmation that Dr Sakubu has now been provisionally released. He is reported to have been charged with offences relating to undermining state security (*atteinte à la sûreté de l'Etat*). He is not reported to have been tortured during his detention.

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