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**@Moussa HABOUBA
CAMEROON**

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Amnesty International has learned that Moussa Habouba was released from detention on 15 March 1991, after spending almost seven years in administrative detention without charge or trial. He was arrested on 30 April 1984 at a time of wide-scale arrests following an unsuccessful coup attempt in early April 1984. Moussa Habouba was a representative of Cameroon Airlines in Europe. Following the coup attempt, he was recalled from Paris where he was based at the time, and was arrested at Douala airport immediately upon his return. Over 1,000 people, both soldiers and civilians, were arrested in the wake of the attempted coup.

Moussa Habouba was adopted as a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International. He was never brought to trial or charged with any offence and the Cameroonian authorities provided no justification for his detention. He was held for six years in Nkondengui prison in Yaoundé where conditions are particularly harsh and was transferred to Bafoussam Central Prison in mid-1990. He was hospitalized for a short period in Bafoussam and was reported to have been suffering from malaria and hypertension for which he had not been receiving medical care in prison.

No further action is requested. Thank you to all those who appealed on his behalf.