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Further information on UA 270/01 (AFR 32/002/2001, 23 October 2001) and follow-up (AFR 32/019/2001, 31 October 2001) - Fear of ill treatment/ possible prisoners of conscience

KENYA67 members and supporters of the Release Political Prisoners (RPP) Group
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Kibe Mungai (m), lawyer
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The charge of "unlawful assembly" against the 71 members and supporters of the RPP was dropped on 23 November. A magistrates' court in Nairobi ruled that the charge went against both the Penal Code and the Public Order Act.

The RPP have asked us to thank the Amnesty International members who worked on their case:

"Thanks for all your support, and express our appreciation to all the members of Amnesty for the job well done. Without your protest letters and faxes the charges would not have been dropped."

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