

EXTERNAL (for general distribution)

AI Index: AFR 32/26/90
Distr: UA/SC

5 October 1990

Further information of UA 350/90 (AFR 32/18/90, 6 September) and follow-up
AFR 32/21/90 (19 September 1990 -Legal Concern/Fear of Torture)

KENYA:

Israel Otieno AGINA
Philip Gachoga GITHAIGA

=====

Israel Otieno Agina was arrested in Nairobi on about 16 August 1990. He was Technical Director of a firm owned by Oginga Odinga, a former Vice-President of Kenya and prominent critic of the present government. It was believed that his arrest may have been connected to the arrest in July 1990 of Raila Odinga, Oginga Odinga's son and a director of the same company, who is still detained.

Israel Otieno Agina has been released without charge. No replies were received from the Kenyan authorities to appeals from Amnesty International and no official announcement of his release has been made.

Philip Gachoga Githaiga was arrested on 16 August by Special Branch police officers and on 21 August was charged with possessing a seditious publication - a leaflet of the clandestine opposition organization, Mwakenya. He was released on bail and his trial has been set for 6 December, but it is not certain whether it will go ahead on this date.

No further action on behalf of these two men is required from Urgent Action participants, although other initiatives are being considered in the case of Philip Gachoga Githaiga.

Thank you to all who sent appeals.