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KENYA:Raila Odinga

On 15 October 1991 Raila Odinga, a businessman and scientist, publicly expressed fears for his life on account of his political views. Since his release from detention on 21 June 1991 Raila Odinga, son of prominent government opponent Oginga Odinga, has alleged that he has been harassed by security officials and his life has been threatened. On 10 September he reported that his car had been shot at by unidentified gunmen.

Amnesty International has now been informed that Raila Odinga has fled Kenya and crossed the border into Uganda. He has applied for asylum through the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Uganda. Oginga Odinga told journalists in Nairobi that his son had left Kenya to seek medical tests abroad which were not available in Kenya. Shortly after his release from prison Raila Odinga had been refused permission to travel abroad for medical treatment but his passport had been withheld.

No further action required. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on his behalf.