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Further information on Extra 113/96 (AFR 32/11/96, 23 July 1996) and follow-up (AFR 32/14/96, 6 August 1996, AFR 32/15/96, 20 August 1996) - Prisoners of conscience / Health concern

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On 21 November 1997 outstanding charges against the above 21 people were withdrawn by the chief justice under Section 87A of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC).

On 19 July 1996 the above-named, members of the non-violent pressure group Release Political Prisoners (RPP), were arrested in Nairobi on charges of sedition and holding an illegal meeting. On 6 August they were finally granted bail after having been imprisoned for 19 days in harsh conditions, though both charges areailable.

No further action by the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals on this case.