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Further information on UA 114/02 (AFR 38/001/2002, 15 April 2002) -
Incommunicado detention / Fear of ill-treatment

MAURITANIA Mohammed Baba Ould Said (m)

Bechir Ould El Hassen (m), businessperson

Mohammed Fall Oumere (m), Director, *La Tribune* newspaper

The three men named above were released without charge on 21 April. They are not believed to have been ill-treated while they were in custody.

The men were arrested on 12 and 13 April, and questioned about their links to a clandestine political organization, *Conscience et Résistance*. They were held incommunicado at the headquarters of the *Direction de la Sûreté de l'Etat*, State Security Service, in the capital, Nouakchott. Amnesty International and other human rights organizations, including the Mauritanian organization *SOS Esclaves*, had expressed concern for their safety.

No further appeals are necessary. Thanks to all those who took part.