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Further Information on UA 67/08 (AFR 49/002/2008, 10 March 2008) <u>Intimidation/ fear of enforced disappearance</u>

SENEGAL/GAMBIA

Yahya Danfa (m)

Gambian journalist Yahya Danfa has been granted asylum in Sweden. He had been in hiding in Senegal with his family, but had been threatened there by Gambian security agents.

Yahya Danfa, a former journalist with the independent *Foroyaa* Newspaper, had been harassed since being arrested along side Amnesty International delegates during a research mission on 6 October 2007. He was released without charge on 12 October 2007 but repeated visits to his home and harassment of his family by agents of the Gambian National Intelligence Agency (NIA) forced him to flee the country soon after. On two occasions in March, Yahya Danfa's home in the Senegalese capital, Dakar, was visited by plain-clothed NIA agents.

We wish to thank all of you for taking action on this case which contributed to this positive outcome. No further action is requested.