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SOMALIA: Mohamed Ahmed Jama, accountant, Central Bank, Mogadishu  
Zeinab Yusuf Omar (f), aged 28  
Abdullahi Yusuf Omar, aged 30, her brother  
+ several others, unnamed

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Amnesty International has received information that Zeinab Yusuf Omar and her brother Abdullahi Omar have been released from detention in Mogadishu. It is believed, although not confirmed, that Mohamed Ahmed Jama has also been released. There is no further information about the others believed to have been detained with the three named above.

They had been arrested at Mogadishu International Airport on 22 July 1990 after they had been returned to Somalia against their will by the Italian authorities. According to reliable reports they were interrogated for four hours, then transferred to custody at the National Security Service's regional headquarters in Mogadishu, known as Godka ("The Hole"). Some were reported to have visible injuries when leaving the airport.

No further action is required at this stage, although Amnesty International will continue to monitor the situation. Thank you to all who sent appeals.