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Further information on UA 25/01 (AFR 56/004/2001, 31 January 2001) and follow-ups (AFR 56/005/2001, 9 February 2001; AFR 56/009/2001, 16 March 2001; AFR 56/010/2001, 7 June 2001) - Fear of Torture/Prisoners of Conscience

TANZANIAJuma Duni Haji
Machano Khamis Ali
Suleiman Seif
Ahmed Seif
At least 17 others

Prisoners of conscience Juma Duni Haji and Machano Khamis Ali were released on 15 October, after a Zanzibar court dropped the charges of murder against them.

Their release follows a political accord between the ruling *Chama Cha Mapinduzi* (CCM) party and the main opposition Civic United Front (CUF), signed on 10 October, under which the cases against all those charged in connection with the demonstrations of January 2001 were dropped.

Suleiman Seif, Ahmed Seif and others who had been charged with the murder of a police officer are now known to have been among those released in June. Hundreds of others have been charged in connection with the demonstrations, but these charges will apparently be reviewed in the next few days. All had been previously released on bail. Amnesty International is awaiting further information.

One detainee, Ali Hussein, is still in custody in Pemba, charged in connection with the murder of the police officer.

No further action is required. Many thanks to all who have sent appeals