

# URGENT ACTION

## POLITICAL OPPONENT RELEASED AFTER 100 DAYS

**On 11 October, Congolese political opponent Diomi Ndongala Eugene was released from detention in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo.**

Member of parliament and head of the political party Démocratie Chrétienne (DC), **Diomi Ndongala Eugene**, went missing on 27 June on his way to the Cathedrale Notre Dame du Congo, in Kinshasa, to officially sign a charter (“la plateforme de la majorité présidentielle populaire”), which would have established a coalition with other political parties. Diomi Ndongala Eugene did not reach the Cathedrale and was not heard from thereafter.

A few weeks later, several sources confirmed that he was detained incommunicado by the intelligence services in Kinshasa and that he was in poor health. This was due to a lack of food and being denied treatment for his chronic medical conditions.

At around 1.00 am on 11 October, Diomi Ndongala Eugene was left on Matadi Road by those who detained him. Bystanders assisted him and contacted his family. He is currently in poor health and receiving medical treatment at home. Diomi Ndongala Eugene’s family thanked Amnesty International for helping to ensure his release. They also expressed gratitude for our mobilisation and support during this difficult period.

**No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**

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