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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO Jonas Mukamba Kadiata, diamond company director

Confirmation has been received that Jonas Mukamba Kadiata was released from house arrest on 23 June 1997. After being held in Goma on 11 April 1997, he was moved to Lubumbashi on 23 April where he was kept until his release.

A top government official reportedly told Mukamba that he was being held for his own security, without clarifying the form and cause of the insecurity. Mukamba's house had been occupied by other people, presumably members of the *Alliance des forces démocratiques pour la libération du Congo-Zaire* (AFDL), during the time of his detention, but the government official has reportedly given orders that the occupants should leave. Mukamba would now like to return to his home in Mbuji-Mayi.

No further appeals are necessary on behalf of Jonas Mukamba Kadiata. Thank you to all who took part in this action.