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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

Professor Alidor Muamba Ntita]opposition political
Raymond Kabala]party members

Professor Alidor Muamba Ntita and Raymond Kabala have now been detained without charge for seven months. Amnesty International believes that both men are detained solely on account of their peaceful political activities, and therefore considers them to be prisoners of conscience.

Both are leading members of the DRC's largest opposition political party, the *Union pour la démocratie et le progrès sociale* (UDPS), Union for Democracy and Social Progress. They were arrested at a party meeting in the capital, Kinshasa, on 12 May 1999.

No further appeals are necessary from the Urgent Action network. Amnesty International will continue to campaign for the release of Professor Ntita and Raymond Kabala by other means. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.