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Further information on UA 239/02 (AFR 27/003/2002, 29 July 2002) - Fear for safety/Incommunicado detention/Possible prisoner of conscience

GAMBIA                      Guy-Patrick Massoloka (m), journalist

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Guy Patrick Massoloka was released uncharged on 1 August after two weeks in incommunicado detention at the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) in Banjul, the capital. Conditions of detention were harsh but he was not ill-treated. No charges were brought against him.

He was arrested on 19 July, apparently in connection with his legitimate activities as a journalist for the Pan African News Agency (PANA). No official reason for his arrest has been given.

No further action is required. Thanks to all those who sent appeals.