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Further information on Extra 37/99 (AFR 63/02/99, 10 March 1999) -
Prisoners of Conscience / Fear of Torture or ill-treatment

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On 12 March 1999, a High Court judge ordered the immediate and unconditional release of six journalists from the "Post", arrested on the night of 9 March 1999 and the morning of 10 March, following an urgent application by the journalists' lawyers to show why the six were detained.

The detained journalists said that they had been jailed in overcrowded and unhygienic conditions. Amos Malupenga, one of the freed journalists, told the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) that he was not given food for two days. None spoke of physical violence by police officers.

The "Post" newspaper was again printing today and can be viewed on the World Wide Web at:
<<http://www.zamnet.zm/zamnet/post/post.html>>

No further action is requested at this time. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.