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RWANDA

Idesbald Byabuze Kataruka (m), Congolese national

On 21 March, Congolese law professor Idesbald Byabuze Kataruka was released from Kigali Central Prison, where he was being held for "threatening state security" and "discrimination and sectarianism". The charges have been dropped and legal proceedings against him have been halted.

Idesbald Byabuze Kataruka has been transported to the border between Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo by the authorities. He has safely entered the Democratic Republic of Congo, but the Rwandan authorities have banned him from ever returning to the country.

Idesbald Byabuze Kataruka was arrested on 16 February, and charged on 23 February. The Rwandan public prosecutor issued the charges in relation to several public documents which Idesbald Byabuze Kataruka had allegedly written or co-authored, including an article entitled *Alerte Rwanda* ("Rwanda Warning"). The article, published on an African current affairs website in June 2005, was an overview of human rights concerns in Rwanda. It was highly critical of the ruling Rwandan Patriotic Front.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required.