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Further information on UA 244/99 (AFR 56/04/99, 17 September 1999) - Fear of arrest of prisoners of conscience / Possible death penalty

TANZANIA Seif Sharif Hamad, deputy chair of the Zanzibar opposition party Civic United Front (CUF)
Shaban Mloo, CUF secretary general
Mohamed Juma Khatib, CUF member of the Tanzanian parliament
Mussa Haji Kombo, CUF member of the Zanzibar parliament
Maulid Makame, Juma Othman, Juma Ngwali, Khatib Hassan - CUF central committee members
Nassor Suleiman, Salim Yusuf Mohamed - CUF members

Amnesty International remains concerned that Seif Sharif Hamad and the others named above could be arrested at any time, and tried together with 18 CUF prisoners of conscience charged with treason. However, contrary to what the Attorney General told reporters on 16 September, Zanzibar police say that no warrants for their arrests have been issued.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network at this time. Thank you for your appeals, which successfully alerted the authorities in Zanzibar and mainland Tanzania to the continuing international concern about this serious human rights issue in Zanzibar. Amnesty International will be monitoring the case closely.