

URGENT ACTION

FOUDAMA OUSMANE RECEIVES MEDICAL TREATMENT

Foudama Ousmane, a detainee who was at risk of blindness, was examined by a doctor on the morning of 20 April and prescribed medication for his eyes. This was as a direct result of the mobilization of Amnesty International's members around the world who called and sent emails to authorities in Cameroon, after an Urgent Action was issued on 15 April.

Foudama Ousmane was examined by a doctor on the morning of 20 April during a visit by the General Prosecutor to the Maroua Prison, Cameroon. The doctor confirmed that Foudama Ousmane had pulmonary tuberculosis and eye problems for which he prescribed medication. The prescription was forwarded to his family as the medication is not available at the prison. The General Prosecutor's visit to the Maroua Prison was motivated by the many calls and emails he received from Amnesty International's members. On 21 April, he informed Amnesty International Dakar Regional Office that since 16 April he had received "around 50 phone calls daily and his inbox was full of messages urging him to provide Foudama Ousmane with medical treatment for his eyes".

Foudama Ousmane was arrested by the Rapid Intervention Battalion (BIR) at Salak Military Camp, in Maroua, Far North Cameroon, and detained for 99 days in secret by the BIR for his alleged affiliation to Boko Haram. He lost sight in both eyes and contracted pulmonary tuberculosis while in detention at the Salak military camp. On 23 December 2014, he was transferred to the Maroua prison where he was receiving medication for pulmonary tuberculosis but not for his eyes despite requests from his family to authorities. He was at risk of permanent blindness since no adequate medical treatment was given to him for his eyes.

No further action is requested of the UA network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.

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