

URGENT ACTION

FORMER MP RELEASED AFTER END OF PRISON TERM
Vano Kiboko, a former Member of Parliament who had been in detention since December 2014, was released from prison on 5 May after completing his sentence.

Vano Kiboko, a former member of parliament was arrested on 29 December 2014 after speaking out against a third term for President Joseph Kabila. He was sentenced to three years in prison on 14 September 2015 for incitement to racial and tribal hatred and spreading false rumours. Vano Kiboko was initially convicted to three years' imprisonment, but his sentence was reduced to 16 months when he appealed.

Vano Kiboko was serving his sentence at Makala central prison in Kinshasa, when he was transferred to Ndolo military prison, also in Kinshasa, on 27 January. A government spokesperson accused him of creating an "insurrectional movement" within Makala central prison without providing credible details in support of these accusations.

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

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