

URGENT ACTION

PRO-BIAFRAN ACTIVIST RELEASED

Sunday Chucks Obasi (30) who was abducted from his home in Amuko Nnewi Anambra State on 16 August 2016 by Nigerian security agents has been released on bail.

Sunday Chucks Obasi (30), a pro-Biafran activist, who was abducted by five armed men suspected to be security agents at about 9pm on 16 August 2016 from his home in Amuko Nnewi, Anambra State was released on bail in December 2016. His family took the decision to keep the news of his release private up until now to enable him recover from the injuries he sustained while in detention.

In an interview with Amnesty Nigeria researcher, Sunday Chucks Obasi expressed his appreciation to Amnesty International. Sunday Chucks Obasi was held incommunicado at the Department of State Services (DSS) in Anambra where he says he was ill-treated, severely tortured and interrogated by security agents as they interrogated him about the Indigenous People of Biafra movement.

He was arraigned in court for the first time since his arrest on 9 December 2016 and was charged with obstructing DSS officials from carrying out their duty. A second court hearing on 3 March 2017, was court adjourned to 6 May as DSS officials were not available to give evidence in the case.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.

This is the first update of UA 198/16. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/afr44/4716/2016/en/>

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