

To the  
Minister of Justice  
Mr Djimet Arabi  
Ministère de la Justice  
N'Djamena  
TCHAD

Re: Mr Baradine Berdei Targuio

Your Excellency,

I am writing in concern of Baradine Berdei Targuio, the President of the Chadian Human Rights Organization. A year ago, on 24 January, he was arrested by masked and armed men at his home and taken to the National Security Agency (ANS) . After that he was not seen or heard from by anyone for almost seven months.

After these seven months in arbitrary and incommunicado detention, Baradine Berdei Targuio was presented to a prosecutor and an investigative judge on 21 August. A few days later he was charged with breach of national security, illegal possession of weapons, assault and battery.

The human rights organisation Amnesty International is convinced that the charges brought against Baradine Berdei Targuio are unjustified and are probably connected with his work as a human rights defender.

This is why I, as a member of amnesty international, ask you respectfully to drop the charges against Baradine Berdei Targuio, and to release him immediately and unconditionally. In the meantime, please ensure that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment in detention and has regular access to his family and lawyers.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,