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URGENT ACTION

MAN WHO TWEETED PHOTOS RELEASED

Yusuf Siyaka Onimisi was released by Nigerian authorities on the evening of 11 April, after being held incommunicado since 30 March. Yusuf had been arrested after tweeting photos of an alleged attempted jail break at the State Security Service in Abuja, Nigeria.

Yusuf Siyaka Onimisi was released on the evening of Friday 11 April, without charge. He is now staying with his family in Abuja. Yusuf's brother told Amnesty International that his family was grateful for our support during a difficult time.

Yusuf's release follows a twitter campaign for his release using the hashtag 'FreeCiaxon' (Ciaxon is Yusuf's twitter name). In its coverage of Yusuf's release, Agence France Presse (AFP) wrote "Onimisi's case sparked concern from human rights groups, with Amnesty International on Friday urging the Nigerian security forces to disclose his whereabouts."

The authorities have not yet given a full account of the events of 30 March. At the time, the government claimed that there had been an attempted jail break by suspected Boko Haram members at the State Security Services headquarters in Abuja. An investigation launched by the government is still ongoing.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required.

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