

URGENT ACTION

STRIKE ENDS WITH AN AGREEMENT, STRIKERS SAFE

Leaders of the Coalition for Improving the Teaching Profession (*Concertation pour la revalorisation de la profession d'enseignant*, CPRE), a confederation of teachers' trade unions in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, have called off the strike by teachers. They are no longer being harassed and intimidated by the Congolese authorities.

The CPRE called off the teachers' strike on 10 May when the coalition and the government reached an agreement to resume negotiations. Congolese teachers had been on an indefinite strike since 25 February 2013 demanding an improvement in the teaching profession, including higher wages and effective and fair recruitment within the public education system. The strike was called by CPRE after negotiation with government failed. Leaders of the CPRE have been intimidated and harassed by agents of General Directorate for the Surveillance of the Territory (*Direction Generale de Surveillance du Territoire*, DGST) pressurising them to call off the strike and they had gone into hiding. The leaders have informed Amnesty International that they have returned to their homes and they are no longer receiving any threats. The chairman of the CPRE, on behalf of all the leaders and members, thanked Amnesty International for their support and action.

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

Name: Leaders of the CPRE

Gender: male

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