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Ebrima Manneh - Journalist's family fights for justice in Gambia

Twelve years on from the enforced disappearance of journalist Ebrima Manneh, his family still do not know where, when, why and how he died. In 2017, the family were told Ebrima was dead and in June 2018 the government finally paid them half of the US\$100,000 compensation they are entitled to under a 2008 Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) court ruling. A second payment is due before the end of the year. However, no one has been brought to justice for Ebrima's 'disappearance' or death, and his family cannot perform the burial rites as they do not know where his body is. Ebrima was arrested on 11 July 2006 at the offices of the pro-government Daily Observer newspaper by plainclothes police officers thought to have been from the National Intelligence Agency. The government provided no official reason for his arrest and it was only after the change of regime in January 2017 that his family received confirmation of his death. They have vowed to keep fighting for justice for Ebrima.

APPEAL Call on the authorities to hold a thorough, impartial and transparent investigation into the death of Ebrima Manneh and bring those responsible to justice in fair trials that meet international standards. Urge them to release his remains so his

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family can bury him; comply with the 2008 ECOWAS court judgement and pay the full US\$100,000 compensation; protect the right to freedom of expression and ensure journalists can work freely; and ensure Ebrima's and other cases are raised at the future Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Write to:

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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