

URGENT ACTION

ACTIVIST STILL HELD IN DETENTION

Guy Marius Sagna is still detained in Camp Penal prison in Dakar, Senegal, charged with inciting and participating in an unauthorised gathering, and rebellion. Activists Ousmane Sarr and Fallou Galass Seck were released on bail on 21 January 2020. Guy Marius Sagna must be immediately and unconditionally released.

TAKE ACTION: WRITE AN APPEAL IN YOUR OWN WORDS OR USE THIS MODEL LETTER

Minister of Justice
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Your Excellency,

While I welcome the news that two further activists, Ousmane Sarr and Fallou Galass Seck, were released on bail on 21 January, I am concerned that Guy Marius Sagna is still being detained at Camp Penal prison. I am also concerned that Guy Marius Sagna, Mamadou Diao Diallo, Malick Biaye, Pape Abdoulaye Touré, Babacar Diop, Souleymane Dioukou, Ousmane Sarr, Souleymane Ndjim and Fallou Galass Seck are still facing charges for exercising their rights to peaceful assembly.

The nine activists have been charged with participation in an unauthorised gathering. Guy Marius Sagna, coordinator of Front for a Popular Anti-Imperialist Revolution and Pan African (FRAAP), has also been charged with inciting an unauthorised gathering and rebellion. He is detained in a high security unit of Camp Penal prison.

In light of the above, I urge you to:

- *Immediately and unconditionally release Guy Marius Sagna;*
- *Ensure that, pending his release, Guy Marius Sagna has access to visits and to all necessities such as phone calls;*
- *Immediately drop the unfounded charges against all nine activists;*
- *Refrain from initiating further prosecutions against individuals simply for exercising their right to peaceful assembly;*
- *Repeal legal instruments that allow blanket bans on peaceful demonstrations, including the 2011 Decree banning all demonstrations in parts of the city centre of Dakar.*

Your sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The second request for the provisional release of Guy Marius Sagna was denied on 21 January. His lawyer will submit a new request on 30 January.

In a letter published on 29 January on social media, Guy Marius declared “I am in prison in a high security unit reserved for terrorists, I am the only Senegalese person who does not have the right to use the telephone, in two months I have only seen seven visitors”.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: French

You can also write in your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: 12 March 2020

Please check with the Amnesty office in your country if you wish to send appeals after the deadline.

NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN: Guy Marius Sagna, Mamadou Diao Diallo, Malick Biaye, Pape Abdoulaye Touré, Babacar Diop, Souleymane Diockou, Ousmane Sarr, Souleymane Ndjim and Fallou Galass(he/him/his)

ADDITIONAL TARGETS: Embassy of Senegal, 39 Marloes Rd, Kensington, London W8 6LA

LINK TO PREVIOUS UA:

First UA: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/afr49/1551/2019/en/>

Second UA: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/afr49/1643/2020/en/>