



REPUBLIC OF GABON : RELEASE OF MR. JEAN REMY YAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE
TRADE UNION CENTER "DYNAMIQUE UNITAIRE" BY THE PRESIDENT OF
TRANSITION.

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Douala-Libreville, Tuesday, September 05, 2023 : The Human Rights Defenders Network (REDHAC) in Central African and its country-Gabon coalition are delighted to note the fulfillment of the Transition President's promise a few days ago to release prisoners of conscience.

Indeed, the release of Mr. Jean Rémy YAMA : President of the "*Dynamique Unitaire*" Trade Union Centre, of the National Platform of Civil Society, Human Rights Defender, was effective today.

Reminder:

On Sunday February 27, 2022, Mr. Jean Remy YAMA was due to travel to Senegal for emergency treatment. As he was about to take his flight to Senegal, and without having been the subject of any prior summons throughout his stay in Gabon, he was arbitrarily arrested at Libreville's Léon MBA International Airport, and has been detained ever since. ;

In October 2021, President Jean Remy YAMA, from Senegal where he was undergoing medical treatment, called for a "ville morte" on December 15, 2021, which was widely followed throughout the country by his fellow citizens. De tout ce qui précède.

The Human Rights Defenders Network (REDHAC) in Central African and its country-Gabon coalition :

- Welcomes the release of Mr. Jean Rémy YAMA; President of the Centrale Syndicale "*Dynamique Unitaire*", of the Plateforme Nationale de la Société Civile, and Human Rights Defender, as well as the other prisoners of conscience.;
- Thank all stakeholders who mobilized for this release.

The REDHAC and its country-Gabon coalition encourage the Transitional Government to:



- Continue the work to ease the social climate, in particular through the release of all other political prisoners, human rights defenders and social actors illegally detained in prisons;
- Effectively protect human rights defenders by adopting the law on the "Promotion and Protection of Human Rights Defenders", as proposed by REDHAC since 2018.

Enfin, The REDHAC and its country-Gabon coalition :

Reiterate their willingness and readiness always to collaborate with the governments of Central Africa in general, and Gabon in particular, for the promotion and protection of human rights, and the protection and security of human rights defenders in all circumstances.

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