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Your Excellency,

I am writing in concern of Baradine Berdei Targuio, the President of the Chadian Human Rights Organization. On 24 January, he was arrested by masked and armed men at his home and taken to the National Security Agency (ANS) where he was not seen or heard from by anyone for almost seven months.

After these seven months in arbitrary and incommunicado detention, Baradine Berdei Targuio was presented to a prosecutor and an investigative judge on 21 August and on 24 August charged with breach of national security, illegal possession of weapons, assault and battery. Amnesty International is concerned that the charges brought against Baradine Berdei Targuio are bogus and in connection with his work as a human rights defender.

In this regard, I ask you to immediately and unconditionally release Baradine Berdei Targuio and drop the charges against him. In the meantime, please ensure that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment in detention and has regular access to his family and lawyers.

Yours sincerely,

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