

# URGENT ACTION

## DEPORTED DOMINICAN MAN ABLE TO RETURN HOME

**A Dominican man arbitrarily deported to Haiti on 19 February was able to return to his hometown in the Dominican Republic.**

Following his deportation from the Dominican Republic to Haiti on 19 February, **Wilson Sentimo** spent the night of 19 February in the Haitian border city of Ouanaminthe. In the morning of 20 February he managed to cross the border to the Dominican city of Dajabón with the help of local human rights activists working on the Haitian-Dominican border. However, he could not travel back to his home in batey Libertad, close to the northern town of Mao in Valverde province as he lacked any sort of identity documents.

It was only after Wilson Sentimo's sister arrived in Dajabón with his birth certificate that he was able to travel back to his hometown. However, lacking a Dominican identity card, Wilson Sentimo was afraid that other army officers might have deported him again. He faced six military checkpoints between Dajabón and batey Libertad, in three of which he had to explain his situation lacking identity documents. He was finally able to return home in the evening of 20 February.

Wilson Sentimo's arbitrary deportation highlights the extreme vulnerability that Dominicans of Haitian descent face due to the denial of identity documents they have been facing for years.

**No further action is requested by the UA Network. Amnesty International will keep monitoring the situation and will take further campaigning action when necessary. Many thanks to all who sent appeals. This is the first update of UA 41/15. Further information: [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/AMR27/0005/2015/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/AMR27/0005/2015/en/)**

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