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URGENT ACTION

JOURNALIST'S FATE AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

On August 31, journalist Moussa Kaka was forcibly disappeared in Niamey, Niger's capital, minutes after he left his office to go home. Since then, his fate and whereabouts remain unknown and there are serious concerns about his safety. On September 24, the Nigerien Minister of Justice confirmed that he is in government custody, but to date, no one knows where he is being held. The Niger authorities must immediately reveal Moussa Kaka's whereabouts, ensure he has regular access to his family, and lawyer, and, unless charged with an internationally recognizable offence, immediately release him.

TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
- Click here to report your action(s) on ***UA 117.26***. We share this number with the officials we are trying to persuade.

General Abdourahamane Tiani
President of Niger
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Boulevard de la République
BP 550, Niamey, Niger
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Send a copy of your letter to the address below

CC: Embassy of Niger in the United States
Ambassador Clémence Aissatou Baré
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Dear General Abdourahamane Tiani,

I am concerned about journalist **Moussa Kaka**. On August 31, Moussa Kaka - director-general of Radio Télévision Saraounia and former correspondent for Radio France International in Niger - was forcibly disappeared in Niamey, minutes after he left his office and was returning to his home.

Since his disappearance, his family and colleagues have been unable to locate him. On September 24, almost a month after his disappearance, the Minister of Justice confirmed during Niger's Universal Periodic Review at the United Nations in Geneva that Moussa Kaka was being detained by the authorities. On October 6, the Minister of Justice again stated that Moussa Kaka was alive and was being detained. He also accused him of committing "certain offenses" for which he will have to answer before the law, despite no official charges having been brought against him. Despite acknowledging having him in custody, the authorities have yet to disclose Moussa Kaka's whereabouts, meaning neither his family nor lawyer have had any access to him.

Moussa Kaka's incommunicado detention is a violation of both Nigerian and international law and raises serious concerns for Moussa Kaka's safety and wellbeing as he is at heightened risk of torture and other ill-treatment in detention.

I urge you to immediately reveal Moussa Kaka's whereabouts and immediately release him, unless he is charged with a criminal offense recognizable under international law. Pending his release, he must be protected from torture and other ill-treatment and granted regular access to his family and lawyer without undue restrictions.

Yours sincerely,

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On July 26, 2023, President Mohamed Bazoum was removed from power following a coup engineered by his Presidential Guard. Military officers behind the coup announced the establishment of the National Council for the Safeguard of the Homeland on the night of July 26, 2023 through a declaration on national TV which justified the takeover on the “continued worsening of the security situation and to the poor economic and social governance” of the deposed regime. On July 28, 2023, the head of the presidential guard, Abdourahamane Tiani declared himself president of the country.

Since the 2023 military coup, the military authorities have tightened their grip on opposition, civil society, and independent media. Freedoms, including the right to freedom of expression, has been severely restricted in Niger. The authorities have threatened, harassed, and arbitrarily arrested human rights defenders and journalists**. Moussa Kaka**’s detention is a sign of this trend which has intensified especially since the coup d état attempt on August 29, 2026, in which dozens of soldiers attempted to withdraw the current military junta.

Moussa Kaka is a well-known and respected journalist in Niger and in Africa. He was the RFI correspondent in Niger until the current government suspended its broadcasts in 2023. During his whole career Moussa Kaka has been a journalist committed to freedom of expression and the defense of human rights.

In November 2025, Moussa Kaka was arrested alongside five other journalists, following the circulation on social media of an invitation to a press conference held by the Solidarity Fund for the Safeguarding of the Homeland. The journalists were initially charged with "complicity in the dissemination of a document likely to disturb public order". Some of them were released on bail, including Moussa Kaka.

The case of Moussa Kaka has already been referred to the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances by Reporters Without Borders. The case has also been submitted to the African Union’s special rapporteur on freedom of expression and access to information.

In several forums across African, activists, journalists, and human African civil society have been calling for Moussa Kaka’s release, including during the October 2026 session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights which took place in Dakar, Senegal.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: French or your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: May 10, 2027

NAME AND PRONOUN: Moussa Kaka, (he, him)