



#FreeFred #FreeYves Campaign

Message content sent to government leaders in the DR Congo:

Dear [TITLE AND NAME INSERTED AUTOMATICALLY],

I am writing to you to urge the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to immediately and unconditionally release Fred Bauma and Yves Makwambala from prison.

These young men were arrested on March 15 as they attended a peaceful gathering interested in fostering youth participation in the Congo's electoral and political system. Civic engagement, freedom of expression, and freedom of peaceful assembly are important parts of democracy. Fred and Yves and other Lucha youth members are to be commended.

After all these month, no evidence has yet been presented against Fred and Yves. Even your own governmental report of April 28, 2015 found no evidence against them. And yet, Fred and Yves remain in prison.

Those who have publicly spoken out against the ongoing detention of Fred and Yves include the Government of the UK, the United States, the European Union, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and over 200 other Congolese and international human rights groups.

Fred and Yves are not forgotten. The call for their release will grow stronger and stronger.

Last November, you have offered amnesty to political prisoners. Please take action now for the immediate and unconditional release of Fred Bauma and Yves Makwambala. You have the authority under Congolese law to do this.

Thank you for your attention to this very serious matter.

Sincerely,