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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 2020, he was arrested by masked and armed men at his home and, according to several sources, taken to the National Security Agency.

In August, after almost seven months in arbitrary and incommunicado detention, **Baradine Berdei Targuio** was 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 false 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, ensure that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment in detention and has regular access to his family and lawyers.

Yours sincerely,