

# MALI: IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASE PROFESSOR ÉTIENNE FAKABA SISSOKO



**SCHOLAR GIVEN TWO-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING BOOK PUBLICATION**



defamation, damaging the state's reputation, and distributing fake news.

He was sentenced to two years in jail, with one year suspended, and a fine of XOF 3 million (approximately 4,500 Euros).

A notable government critic, Etienne Fakaba Sissoko was arrested after the publication of a book titled "Propaganda, Agitation and Harassment – government communication during the transition in Mali" in which he denounced alleged propaganda in the Malian government's public information campaign.

Étienne Fakaba Sissoko, an economist and professor at the University of Bamako, was convicted on charges of

His arbitrary detention is in violation of his right to freedom of expression. He must be immediately and unconditionally released.

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