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Regina Bakala, Prodigal Daughter From The Congo Returns To Her Home in Milwaukee

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After two months of living in the Kenosha County Jail, Regina was probably starting to feel like she was a political prisoner again. She came to this country ten years ago and fled The Congo after being raped, tortured and almost murdered. She sought refuge and asylum on our shores, because she was an advocate for Democracy and she knew that the United States is where people have gone for centuries to seek freedom. She followed all of the proper steps, worked for a living, paid her taxes, raised a family and tried to buy a home. Suddenly, two months ago the Federales showed up on her doorstep while she was taking a bath, clapped her in chains, dragged her off in only a bathrobe and threatened to deport her to The Congo, where she most certainly would have been killed.

Suddenly, on Monday of this week, the immigration authorities did a reversal, ordered that she be given a new trial and released her to her family and freedom. She was brought directly to her church, St. Mary's, at 9540 West Forest Home, in Hales Corners, where approximately 1000 screaming people crammed into the sanctuary to welcome her home. Hundreds of students waved "Welcome Home" signs. Her priest blessed her. She was accompanied from jail by her most ardent advocate, Sister Josephe Marie Flynn, who has passionately fought tooth and nail for two months to save Regina. Flynn has mounted a massive publicity campaign and successfully (to date) has garnered the attention of every appropriate public official and community leader in the area, including no less than Congresswoman Gwen Moore. Bakala will immediately begin preparation for her new trial which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia.