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S. African Archbishop Desmond Tutu released from hospital

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USPA News - South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who was awarded the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his leadership role in the campaign to end the apartheid, was released from hospital on Monday after undergoing treatment for an infection. Tutu, 81, was hospitalized at an undisclosed hospital in Cape Town on Wednesday afternoon to receive non-surgical treatment of a `persistent infection` and to undergo tests to discover the underlying cause.

Few details about the illness were released, but spokesman Roger Friedman said the five days of treatment were successful. "A battery of tests to determine the underlying cause of the infection, and its persistency, uncovered no new malignancy," Friedman said in an e-mailed statement on Monday. "Management of the Archbishop`s prostate cancer will continue. The Archbishop will be spending some quiet time at home in Cape Town to recover his sparkle." Before being hospitalized on Wednesday, Tutu spent the morning with members of staff at the offices of the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation. A photograph released by the foundation that day showed Tutu looking well and smiling as he sat in a chair at the office. Now officially retired but often referred to as South Africa`s moral guide, the Anglican cleric was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his role as a unifying leader figure in the campaign to end the apartheid in the country. At the time he was General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

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