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Further Information on UA 210/06 (AFR 16/012/2006, 03 August 2006) - Torture or ill-treatment / fear of torture or ill-treatment

BURUNDI **Alphonse-Marie Kadege (m), former Vice-President of Burundi**
Damien Ndarisigaranye (m), Army Colonel
Déo Niyonzima (m), Secretary General of the People's Reconciliation Party, *Parti pour la Réconciliation des Peuples, (PRP)*
Alain Mugabarabona (m), President of FNL-Icanzo party (National Liberation Forces-Icanzo- Forces de Libération Nationale-Icanzo)
Prudence Manirakiza (m), Lieutenant in the national police services
Anicet Niyongabo (m), Commander in the National Defence Forces, *Forces de Défense Nationale, (FDN)*

Released: **Poppon Mudugu (m), member of the organisation AC Genocide, which works to commemorate the genocide of the Tutsis**

New name: **Isidore Rufyikiri (m), lawyer for Déo Niyonzima and Alphonse-Marie Kadege**

Poppon Mudugu was released by the Burundian Intelligence Services, *la Documentation Nationale*, during the afternoon of August 3. No further information is currently available concerning his detention or release.

Isidore Rufyikiri, the lawyer for Déo Niyonzima and Alphonse-Marie Kadege, was arrested on 3 August. Along with the other six detainees, he has been accused of involvement in a coup plot to overthrow the government of Burundi. Isidore Rufyikiri had written a letter prior to his detention to Adolphe Nshimirimana, the Director General of the Burundian Intelligence Services, which voiced concern over the allegations that Alphonse-Marie Kadege had been tortured.

The seven detainees, all prominent members of Burundian society, are reportedly detained at the Intelligence Services Headquarters in the capital, Bujumbura. They remain at risk of torture or other ill-treatment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English, French or your own language:

- informing the authorities that you are aware of the recent arrest of Isidore Rufyikiri, the lawyer acting on behalf of Déo Niyonzima and Alphonse-Marie Kadege;
- noting that prior to his arrest, Isidore Rufyikiri had voiced concern over reports that Alphonse-Marie Kadege had been tortured;
- expressing concern for the safety of up to seven people (please give names), the majority of whom have been arrested since 31 July, in the National Intelligence Headquarters in Bujumbura, on suspicion of plotting a coup against the government;
- calling for the authorities to protect all the detainees from torture and ill-treatment, and for them to be given immediate access to their families, medical care, lawyers, and to humanitarian and human rights organizations;
- calling for the authorities to ensure that all law enforcement agencies respect arrest and detention procedures and that access to all places of detention is guaranteed, and to take immediate action against any member of the security forces suspected of human rights abuses.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Burundi accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 September 2006.