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Further information on 32/91 (AFR 37/01/91, 29 January 1991) - Torture/prison conditions/legal concern

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and several hundred other men, women and children**

All those detained in connection with demonstrations and rioting in Mali in January 1991 are reported to have been released, most of them without charge on 31 January. Thirty-four were retained in detention; in late February they were charged with criminal offences and provisionally released.

Violent unrest spread from Bamako to other towns in Mali in January and the government has acknowledged that two people died in Bamako and one in Sikasso, with several others being injured. After harassment by the security forces, Mountaga Tall, the President of the *Comité national d'initiative démocratique* (CNID), National Committee of Democratic Initiative, left the country. In meetings between the government and the pro-democracy organizations, the authorities reportedly said that the organizations could hold meetings but not marches. However, the security forces apparently continued to break up attempts to hold meetings.

After schools were re-opened, there were further student disturbances in mid-February 1991 in Bamako, Bougouni, Katibougou, Koulikoro, Markala, Gao, Ségou, Sikasso and Timbuktu. A school pupil, Soumaïla Keita, was killed in Somé, near Kayes, on 25 February 1991. Students called for an independent inquiry into the deaths by shooting during the unrest and for the education authorities to recognize the *Association des élèves et étudiants du Mali* (AEEM), Association of Malian Pupils and Students. Seven members of the CNID were arrested in Djelibougou on 28 February 1991 and held for two days. On 3 March a peaceful pro-democracy march was organized in Bamako by several groups including the CNID, the AEEM, the *Alliance pour la démocratie malienne* (ADEMA), Association for Democracy in Mali, and the *Association des diplômés initiateurs et demandeurs d'emploi* (ADIDE), Association of Graduates Initiating and Seeking Employment. Police are reported to have used tear gas to disperse the demonstrators. Several people were injured and leading members of ADEMA were briefly detained. There was a further demonstration by students the following day. On 12 March 1991 the Secretary General and Deputy General of ADIDE, Sidi Camara and Dioncounda Niakhaté, were briefly detained. A demonstration planned by ADIDE for 12 March in protest against the government's policies on unemployment was banned by the authorities.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue to send telegrams/telexes
faxes/airmail letters:**

- welcoming the release of those detained in connection with the demonstrations in January 1991, but expressing concern about reports that people continue to be detained for brief periods for their non-violent expression of their political views;

- repeating your request for an immediate and independent inquiry into killings by the security forces during the disturbances in January and February 1991 and for the publication of the inquiry's findings.

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