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Further information on UA 200/94 (AFR 44/03/94, 24 May 1994) and follow-ups (AFR 44/07/94, 27 June 1994, AFR 44 25/95, 31 October 1995) - Unfair trial / Death penalty / Prisoners of conscience / Legal Concern / Health Concern

NIGERIA Ken Saro-Wiwa, writer and environmentalist, President of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP)

Dr Barinem Kiobel, former Rivers State Commissioner (minister)

Saturday Dobe

Paul Levura

Nordu Eawo

Felix Nuate

Daniel Gbokoo

John Kpuinen, student

Baribor Bera, farmer

On 8 November 1995 the Provisional Ruling Council unanimously confirmed the death sentences imposed on the nine men named above. Amnesty International fears their execution, by hanging, is imminent and is urgently appealing for their execution not to take place.

The men were convicted of murder on 30 and 31 October 1995 after grossly unfair and politically motivated trials and had no right to appeal. Amnesty International believes at least two of them - Ken Saro-Wiwa and Dr Barinem Kiobel - are prisoners of conscience, imprisoned for the non-violent expression of their political opinions.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that Ken Saro-Wiwa has been moved to a secret place of detention. It is not known if the other prisoners have been moved.

For further information, please refer to *Nigeria: The Ogoni trials and detentions*, 15 September 1995 (AFR 44/20/95).

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- expressing deep concern at the confirmation of the death sentences against Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other men;
- urgently appealing that the death sentences not be carried out.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear General

Lieutenant-General D. Oladipo Diya
Vice-Chairman, Provisional Ruling
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Telegrams: Lieutenant-General Diya, Abuja, Nigeria
Salutation: Dear Lieutenant-General

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.