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Further information on UA 382/91 (AFR 47/13/91, 8 November 1991) - Legal/"Disappearance" concerns

RWANDA: Jean-Bosco Gakwere (please note corrected name)
 Karengera
 Gashirabake
 Rusanganwa

and new names André Kamana
as provided Karibu
by the Muzungu
Rwandese Ruhiza

authorities: Rurangirwa
 Ruhiza
 Sefigi
 François
 Innocent
 Simon

In January 1992 the Rwandese Minister of Foreign Affairs sent to Amnesty International a report of a commission of inquiry set up by, and composed of, officials from the Rwandese Ministry of the Interior and Communal Development. The report refers to, among other human rights issues, the arrest between 20 and 22 October 1991 of the 14 people mentioned above. They were arrested in Nyamata, Kanzenze commune (district), Bugesera Sous-préfecture (administrative sub-region) in Kigali préfecture (administrative region) on the orders of local government officials.

With regard to the arrests, the report said that the 14 were arrested in connection with the recruitment of youths in Bugesera to join a rebel group known as the Front patriotique rwandais (FPR), Rwandese Patriotic Front, which has been fighting a guerilla war against government forces since October 1990. The report claimed that after interrogation the 14 were released but did not specify the time of their release. There has not been any independent confirmation of the releases.

The report claimed that Jean-Bosco Gakwere and Karengera left their homes after their release to join the ranks of the FPR. Gashirabake, Rusanganwa, François, Innocent and Simon who are normally not resident in Kanzenze returned to their homes in Nyabisindu, Kacyiru, Rwantamu and Gikongoro. They had been arrested because of their alleged association with Jean-Bosco Gakwere and Karengera. It is not clear from the report whether these areas are situated outside Bugesera sub-region and, if so, in which administrative region each area is found. The report did not indicate which specific area each individual among those released returned to.

André Kanana, Karibu, Muzungu, Ruhiza, Rurangirwa and Sefigi were, according to the report,

arrested after being denounced by Karengera about their willingness to join the FPR. It is not clear from the report whether they too were released and, if so, which areas they returned to.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in FRENCH, if possible:

- welcoming the decision by the officials of the Ministry of Interior and Communal Development to carry out an investigation into the arrest of the 14 people (naming some or all of them) mentioned above, seeking assurances that they were indeed released and asking how the officials carried out their inquiry and if they actually saw those who reportedly did not leave their homes to join the FPR, so as to confirm that they did not "disappear";

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- requesting the authorities to specify which district, sub-region and administrative region each of those released returned to;

- asking to know the full addresses of all those released (district, sub-region and administrative region) and the full names of those for whom only one name is mentioned by the inquiry and asking why the officials of the Ministry of Interior did not include this information in their report;

- asking to know whether André Kanana, Karibu, Muzungu, Ruhiza, Rurangirwa and Sefigi were also released and, if so, which areas they returned to.

APPEALS TO:

1) Prime Minister and Minister of Justice:

Monsieur Sylvestre NZANZIMANA
Premier Ministre et Ministre de la Justice
Ministère de la Justice
BP 160, Kigali, République rwandaise

**Monsieur le Premier Ministre /
Dear Prime Minister**

Telegrams: Ministre Justice, Kigali, Rwanda
Telexes: 22502
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2) Minister of the Interior and Communal Development:

Monsieur Faustin MUNYAZESA
Ministre de l'Intérieur et
du développement communal
Ministère de l'Intérieur
BP 446

**Monsieur le Ministre /
Dear Minister**

Kigali, République Rwandaise
Telegrams: Ministre Munyazesa, Kigali, Rwanda
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3) Minister of Defence and Security:

Le Colonel Augustin NDINDILYIMANA
Ministre à la Présidence pour
la Défense et la Sécurité
BP 15, Kigali, République rwandaise

**Monsieur le Ministre /
Dear Minister**

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COPIES TO AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Monsieur le Docteur Casimir BIZIMUNGU
Ministre des Affaires étrangères
et de la coopération
Ministère des Affaires étrangères
BP 179, Kigali, République Rwandaise

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and the following newspapers:

- Monsieur le Rédacteur-en-Chef, Kinyamateka, BP 761, Kigali, République rwandaise
- Monsieur le Rédacteur-en-Chef, La Relève, Office rwandaise d'information, BP 83, Kigali, République rwandaise
- Monsieur le Rédacteur-en-Chef, Isibo, Bureau central, BP 2258, Kigali, République rwandaise
- Monsieur le Rédacteur-en-Chef, Le Tribun du Peuple, BP 2314, Kigali, République rwandaise

and to diplomatic representatives of Rwanda in your country

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 12 March 1992.

National security service:

Monsieur Donat HAKIZIMANA
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Service central de renseignements (SCR)
BP 125, Kigali, République rwandaise)