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Further information on UA 52/99 (AFR 47/08/99, 22 March 1999) and follow-ups (AFR 47/09/99, 22 March 1999, and AFR 47/10/99, 8 April 1999) - Fear for safety

RWANDAEustache Nkerinka] Members of Parliament for the Jacques Maniraguha] party Mouvement Jean-Léonard Bizimana] démocratique républicain (MDR)

Bonaventure Ubalijoro] Former MDR party leader

Amnesty International has learned that Bonaventure Ubalijoro is now in detention at Kigali Central Prison. He was transferred from the *brigade* (gendarmerie detention centre) at Remera on 6 April 1999.

Eustache Nkerinka, who remains under house arrest in his home in Kigali, has been allowed to receive visitors in the last few days but can only talk to them in the presence of soldiers who are guarding his house.

No further action by the Urgent Action network is required at this time, but participants may send a final round of telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in English, French or your own language:

- asking for clarification of any formal charges against Bonaventure Ubalijoro and Eustache Nkerinka;
- asking that their legal rights are respected;
- calling on the government to ensure that no one's rights are violated because of the peaceful expression of their opinions or criticism of the government.

APPEALS TO:

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 May 1999.