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Further information on UA 264/91 (AFR 47/11/91, 31 July 1991) - Fear of Torture/Legal Concern and new concern "Disappearance"

RWANDA: Jean GAKURU

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Jean Gakuru, aged 40, a businessman in the northwestern town of Gisenyi, was arrested on 3 April 1991 by members of the Rwandese security forces and was reported to be held at a military camp in the capital, Kigali. He had been arrested earlier, on 21 February 1991, and had been released on 29 March 1991 without being charged or being able to ascertain the reasons for his arrest.

Amnesty International was concerned that he was being held incommunicado in circumstances where he might be subjected to torture.

In September the Rwandese Minister in the President's office in charge of Defence and Security (Ministre à la Présidence chargé des questions relatives à la Défense et à la sécurité), Colonel Augustin Bem Ndindiliyimana, replied to inquiries about the arrest of Jean Gakuru as follows:

*"J'ai reçu votre lettre concernant Monsieur GAKURU Jean et les investigations on été faites à Gisenyi et à Kigali. Les informations qui nous sont parvenues concordent sur le fait que l'intéressé a été arrêté au mois d'octobre dernier pour complicité dans l'affaire INKOTANYI. Il fut libéré le 28 mars 1991. Depuis lors, il aurait quitté Gisenyi pour s'installer à Kigali, mais on n'arrive pas à trouver ses traces."*

(I have received your letter concerning Jean Gakuru and investigations have been made at Gisenyi and at Kigali. According to information which we have received he was arrested last October for complicity in Inkotanyi [Rwandese Patriotic Front Rebels] activities. He was released 28 March 1991. He then left Gisenyi to live in Kigali, and there has been no trace of him since.)

Amnesty International is concerned that Jean Gakuru may be "disappeared".

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- thanking the Minister for the information and asking if any information has been received about Jean Gakuru since his reply in September;

- expressing concern at his possible "disappearance" and asking whether official inquiries have been made with his family, friends and relatives as to how he left his home on 3 April 1991;

- asking in particular whether he was taken away by members of the security forces and, if so, whether the authorities have been able to identify those who took him away in order to find out where he could be held;

- urging the authorities to urgently set up an independent, impartial and

competent investigation to establish his whereabouts;

- asking that, if he is in detention, the authorities ensure that he is released unharmed and that those found responsible for his unlawful arrest and detention are brought to justice.

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**APPEALS TO:**

Son Excellence **Monsieur le Président**  
 Président Juvénal HABYARIMANA  
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 Premier Ministre  
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Le Colonel Bem Augustin NDINDILYIMANA **Monsieur le Ministre**  
 Ministre à la Présidence pour  
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**COPIES TO AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:**

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- Monsieur le Rédacteur-en-Chef, Imvaho, BP 83, Kigali, République rwandaise
- 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, Le Consommateur Africain, BP 1852, 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 29 November 1991.