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Further information on UA 359/90 (AFR 59/12/90, 11 September 1990) - Legal Concern/Torture

UGANDA: Peter EKUSAI  
Abel OLERO  
Max OPII  
Levi ODONGO  
One other, name unknown

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Amnesty International has learned of the release on 11 September 1990 of Peter Ekusai, an official of the Uganda People's Congress (UPC), who was arrested on 30 August 1990. The two other UPC officials arrested with him, Abel Olero and Max Opii, appeared in court on 26 September 1990 and were charged with treason. Levi Odongo, also arrested on 30 August 1990, is believed to remain in detention without having been charged. There is no further information on the unknown man arrested with the others.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- welcoming the release of Peter Ekusai;
- acknowledging that charges have been brought against Abel Olero and Max Opii but seeking clarification of what they are accused of having done and urging that they be brought promptly to trial;
- seeking clarification of the reasons of the arrest of Levi Odongo and the unknown man;
- asking where they are being detained and seeking assurances that they are being humanely treated and that they are permitted to receive visits from their lawyers, doctors and families;
- urging the government to ensure that Levi Odongo and the unknown man reported to have been detained with him are not held incommunicado or in secret detention where they might be at risk from torture or ill-treatment;
- urging that they be released if they are not to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence and brought promptly to trial.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Uganda in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 8 November 1990.