

EXTERNAL

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UA 57/97 Fear of ill-treatment / possible prisoners
of conscience

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**NIGERIA Sabina Solayide Iluyomade, aged 54, primary school proprietor and
teacher**

Folake Folasade Iluyomade, aged 31, her daughter

The two women named above are reported to have been arrested and detained solely because of their family relationship to a supporter of the pro-democracy movement living in the United States. Amnesty International believes that they are probably prisoners of conscience, who have not used or advocated violence, and that they are at risk of ill-treatment and harsh conditions of detention.

Sabina Solayide Iluyomade and Folake Folasade Iluyomade are the wife and daughter of Raphael Iluyomade, who retired from the army as a lieutenant-colonel in 1977 and has lived in the US since 1995 after winning a US visa lottery. He visited Nigeria from 6 December 1996 to 19 January 1997 to celebrate his 60th birthday and his daughter's engagement. After his return to the USA soldiers came to the family's house on a number of occasions to ask him to report to Ibadan barracks. On 19 February 1997 his wife, who returned to Nigeria in 1996, and his daughter were arrested at their home in the Bodija district of Ibadan. Sabina Solayide Iluyomade suffers from diabetes and there is concern that her health may be at risk. The authorities have not charged them with any offence or made any statement about the reasons for their detention.

Raphael Iluyomade is a long-standing associate of some of the leading members of the National Democratic Coalition (NADECO), a pro-democracy and human rights organization whose leaders have in the past been harassed, imprisoned or driven into exile. As an army officer, he once served under former Lieutenant-General Alani Akinrinade, a leading NADECO supporter in exile whom the government has accused of responsibility for recent bombings.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At least three NADECO leaders remain in incommunicado detention (see UAs 289/96, 299/96, 11/97) as well as at least 15 others, including some of their relatives and associates (see UA 35/97). The government has publicly accused the NADECO leadership of responsibility for bomb attacks on military targets which have taken place in recent weeks, but none of the detainees has yet been charged with any offence. At least one of the detainees is reported to have been tortured or ill-treated while in detention.

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

- expressing concern at the detention, incommunicado and without charge or trial, of the two people named above, and asking to know the reason for their continued detention;
- urging that they be safeguarded against ill-treatment and given immediate access to their lawyers and families and to doctors of their own choice;
- calling for them to be released if they are not to be charged with recognizable criminal offences and promptly and fairly tried.

APPEALS TO:

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Telegrams: Dr Yadudu, State House, Abuja, Nigeria
Salutation: Dear Dr Yadudu

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Nigeria Police Force Headquarters
Garki, Abuja, Nigeria
Telegrams: Inspector General Police, Abuja, Nigeria
Salutation: Dear Inspector General

COPIES TO:

Mr Justice P.K. Nwokedi, Chairman
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and to diplomatic representatives of Nigeria accredited to your country.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 April 1997.