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Equatorial Guinea: Human rights concerns and the Africa Cup of Nations

On January 21 the 2012 Africa Cup of Nations opens with a ceremony in the city of Bata, Equatorial Guinea.

Amnesty International's Equatorial Guinea expert Marise Castro is available for telephone interviews to give an overview, background and analysis of the country's dire human rights record.

Marise Castro will be happy to give quotes or information on:

- Restrictions on the media including the arbitrary detention of journalists, the expulsion of foreign journalists and the government enforced news blackout surrounding the Arab Spring.
- Increasing political tension and harassment of opposition politicians and activists, the ban on all demonstrations and the increased use of security personnel to enforce this ban.
- The flawed referendum held in November 2011 which increased the President's powers further, even after he leaves office.
- The arrest and harassment of immigrants.

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Further information:

Amnesty International's 2011 Annual Report entry on Equatorial Guinea's human rights record can be accessed here: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/region/equatorial-guinea/report-2011>