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Further information (2) on UA 199/96 (AFR 47/16/96, 8 August 1996) - and follow-up AFR 47/19/96, 15 August 1996 - Fear for safety / fear of ill-treatment / arbitrary arrest

RWANDA Amiel Nkuriza, director of *Intego* and editor of *Le Partisan*
Appolos Hakizimana, journalist at *Intego*
Isaie Niyoyita, editor of *Intego*

Following the release of Amiel Nkuriza on 13 August, Amnesty International has now learned that Appolos Hakizimana was released on or around 19 August, having been detained at the Brigade at Muhima since 30 July 1996. Amnesty International has no further details at present.

There is no new information available on the whereabouts of Isaie Niyoyita.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Further urgent appeals are not requested at present, but participants may write letters:

- welcoming the release of Appolos Hakizimana, but expressing concern at the fact that he appears to have been arrested solely due to his non-violent work as a journalist;
- calling for measures to ensure that other journalists will be protected from human rights violations, including arbitrary arrest and ill-treatment, and will be allowed to continue their legitimate professional activities, without fear of harassment or intimidation;
- expressing concern at the apparent pattern of increasing repression of critics of the government's human rights record and calling for this repression to be stopped, in the interests of transparency and respect for human rights.

APPEALS TO:

See follow-up of 15 August for addresses.

COPIES TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Rwanda accredited to your country.

Please check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending letters after 25 October 1996.