

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 180/96 (AFR 47/11/96, 18 July 1996) -  
"Disappearance" / Fear of extrajudicial execution

**RWANDA** Elie DUSABUMUREMYI, *bourgmestre* (mayor) of Nyabikenke, *préfecture* of  
Gitarama, teacher

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Information received since the Urgent Action was launched on behalf of Elie Dusabumuremyi strengthens fears that he was abducted by soldiers of the Rwandese Patriotic Army (RPA). Local witnesses confirmed that he was ambushed by two military vehicles on 11 July; some reported that soldiers were seen talking to him briefly before beating him and taking him away, along with his motorcycle, in their vehicle.

Elie Dusabumuremyi is feared dead, although to Amnesty International's knowledge, neither his body nor his motorcycle have yet been found. If he has been killed, Amnesty International would consider it to be a case of extrajudicial execution by the Rwandese security forces.

The Rwandese Government has denied any involvement in the "disappearance" or killing of Elie Dusabumuremyi and has claimed that he was attacked by infiltrators, an expression used to refer to militia allied to the former government and army of Rwanda. In an official speech at the end of July, the Prime Minister of Rwanda referred to the "disappearance" of Elie Dusabumuremyi along with other killings of local officials, claiming that they had been killed by infiltrators. However, the results of the government's own investigations into the "disappearance" of Elie Dusabumuremyi have still not been published.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION:** This case is being taken up in the context of other Amnesty International actions on Rwanda. However, please send one last round of telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in French or English or in your own language:

- expressing deep concern about the fact that Elie Dusabumuremyi has reportedly not yet been found and that the evidence available indicates that he may have been extrajudicially executed by members of the Rwandese security forces;
- noting that the government has announced an investigation and asking for the results of that investigation to be made public without delay and for those found responsible to be brought to justice;
- asking for the results of investigations which the government has announced into other reports of "disappearances" and extrajudicial executions to be made public.

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