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Further information on UA 270/94 (AFR 32/10/94, 15 July) and follow-up (AFR 32/11/94, 20 July) - Torture \ Fear of torture and new concern: Health concern

**KENYA Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki, former political prisoner and cousin of Koigi wa Wamwere**

**John Kinyanjui Njoroge (note full name), member of the Release Political Prisoners (RPP) campaigning group**

**Michael Kung'u Gacheru (note full name), relative of Koigi wa Wamwere**

**George Muragu Ichangai (note spelling and full name), truck driver**

**Joseph Ngimithi Githire, night watchman**

**New name: Oliver Ngugi Gachamba**

**New arrest: Anthony Njuguna Njui, local official of opposition Ford-Asili party and former councillor in Molo**

**[Mbugua Kinuthia (mentioned in AFR 32/11/94, 20 July) appears not to have been arrested]**

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Anthony Njuguna Njui was arrested in Nakuru on 30 July 1994. His family and his lawyers have been refused permission to see him and there are reports that he may have been tortured. He has not been brought to court or charged. He is one of the principle defence witnesses in the case of Koigi wa Wamwere. He was previously arrested in November 1993 and was held without charge for 24 days.

Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki, John Kinyanjui Njoroge, Michael Kung'u Gacheru, George Muragu Ichangai, Joseph Ngimithi Githire and Oliver Ngugi Gachamba were jointly charged with robbery with violence and possession of firearms on 19 July 1994. All six allege that they have been tortured and the magistrate presiding in the case has ordered that they receive medical treatment before their pleas are heard.

These six men were examined by a medical doctor on 20 July 1994. Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki is suffering from headaches and eye pains and is reportedly disorientated. The doctor recommended that he urgently be given a C.T. (brain) scan. George Muragu Ichangai is reportedly suffering from pain when passing urine and the doctor recommended an examination of the bladder. Despite these recommendations, neither has been given access to this medical treatment. Amnesty International has received unconfirmed reports that Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki may have been taken to a hospital in Nairobi on 10 August.

John Kinyanjui Njoroge is reportedly suffering from a burst ear drum. Michael Kung'u Gacheru is reportedly suffering from headaches and joint pains.

Amnesty International believes that the charges against Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki and some, if not all, of his co-accused may have been fabricated and that they may have been arrested because of their connections with Koigi wa Wamwere (see UA 333/93, AFR 32/12/93, 21 September 1993 and UA 413/93, AFR 32/17/93, 23 November 1993). Koigi wa Wamwere, a prominent human rights activist, former member of parliament and a three-time former political prisoner, is on trial in Kenya for attempted robbery with violence along with three other defendants.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- expressing concern at the reported torture of Anthony Njuguna Njui and calling for him to be given immediate, regular and private access to his doctor, family and lawyer and that he receive medical care if necessary;
- expressing concern at the reports of torture of Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki and his co-defendants and calling for an independent investigation into these allegations;
- calling for Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki and George Muragu Ichangai to be given appropriate medical treatment as a matter of urgency;
- seeking assurances that Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki and his co-defendants are being humanely treated, and that they are all given access to appropriate medical care;
- expressing concern that the charges against Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki and some or all of his co-defendants may have been fabricated, and calling for their release if they have in fact been detained solely for their peaceful political and human rights activities.

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