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Further information on UA 110/92 (AFR 47/10/92, 2 April 1992) - and follow-up(s):  
AFR 47/11/92, 14 April 1992 - Legal Concern and new concerns harassment/fear of safety

**RWANDA: Fidèle Kanyabugoyi - Director at the Ministry of Public Works and member of a human rights group known as KANYARWANDA (Association pour la Promotion de l'Union pour la Justice Sociale)**

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Amnesty International has just learned that the Rwandese authorities are continuing to harass Fidèle Kanyabugoyi apparently because of his human rights activities. The organization is also concerned about his safety following an attack on his household.

On 25 August 1992, Fidèle Kanyabugoyi was summoned by the Parquet général près la Cour de cassation, General Procuracy for the Cassation Court, and interrogated about his inquiries into mass killings of the Bagogwe (a clan of the minority Tutsi ethnic group) in early 1991. He was asked, among other things, to justify his findings that a local government official was involved in the killings. This interrogation follows reports that Fidèle Kanyabugoyi was not actually released definitively as Amnesty International had been led to believe by Rwandese officials. He was given *liberté provisoire* (provisional release) which means that the case was not dropped and that he may be redetained.

On the evening of the 29 August 1992 Fidèle Kanyabugoyi's house was attacked in his absence by nine men, one of them wearing combat military uniform and carrying an assault rifle and a grenade. Only three of them entered the house, one of them hit Fidèle Kanyabugoyi's wife, Spéciose, repeatedly with a machete and demanded money. They then took a radio and gold chain. A neighbour who tried to intervene was also hit several times with a machete. Another neighbour called the gendarmes and a patrol unit arrived 20 minutes after the assailants had left.

Sources in Rwanda have alleged that the motive for the attack was not robbery as few items were taken away by the assailants. Amnesty International is therefore concerned that the assailants were sent to either kill Fidèle Kanyabugoyi or frighten him into not making further investigations into killings of Bagogwe.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters, in French if possible:**

- expressing concern about the continued harassment by the judicial authorities of Fidèle Kanyabugoyi and the attack on 29 August 1992;
- urging that adequate measures be taken to ensure the safety of Fidèle Kanyabugoyi and members of his family;

- urging the authorities to investigate the attack carried out on his house and wife and to bring those responsible to justice and asking them to take steps to ensure that the attacks cease;

- seeking clarification about Fidèle Kanyabugoyi's legal status as the authorities had indicated that he was free and not the subject of any legal proceedings;

- requesting that any charges against him should be dropped and interrogations intended to intimidate him should cease, pointing out that should he be detained he would be a prisoner of conscience persecuted for his human rights activities.

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**APPEALS TO:**

1) Prime Minister

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3) Minister of Defence and Security

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-Monsieur le Rédacteur-en-Chef, La Relève, Office rwandaise d'information, BP 83,  
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-Monsieur le Rédacteur-en-Chef, Le Tribun du Peuple, BP 2314, Kigali, République  
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-Monsieur le Président, Kanyarwanda, BP 1179, Kigali, République rwandaise  
and to diplomatic representatives of Rwanda accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 October 1992.