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Further information on 392/91 (AFR 12/08/91, 12 November 1991) - Arbitrary Killings

ANGOLA: Killed: At least four people including one named Maria (other name unknown) and two others

Wounded: 28 people including:
Marta Delfina, (f)
Pedro Domingos
António Fernando, 15 years old
Felix Domingos Ginga
António José Gomes, 17 years old
Timóteo Alexandre Lelo
Afonso Macosso, 12 years old
José Mambona
Inácio Bento Mandingo, a 25-year-old teacher
Francisco Padi, 18 years old
Alfredo Poba

And also: 20 women and an unspecified number of school children whose names are not known

Amnesty International has recently received reports confirming that at least two other people were killed by government soldiers during demonstrations in Cabinda on 9 and 10 of November 1991. This brings the total number of people killed known to Amnesty to six. According to some sources, however, as many as 16 demonstrators may have been killed.

In a further incident on 26 November a group of soldiers are reported to have opened fire in the market place in Cabinda wounding 20 women traders. The following day, soldiers reportedly shot and wounded a group of school children as they were coming from school. Some were seriously injured. The reasons for these attacks are not known but they appear to have been unprovoked.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:

- Expressing concern about reports that at least six people and possibly as many as 16 civilians were shot dead and dozens of others were wounded by soldiers during demonstrations in Cabinda on 9 and 10 November 1991;

- expressing concern that about 20 women and an unspecified number of children were wounded, some of them seriously, in a reportedly unprovoked attack by soldiers on 26 and 27 November 1991 in Cabinda;

- requesting clarification of these reports;

- explaining that the such arbitrary killings are violations of human rights, both of the right to freedom of assembly and to freedom of expression and of the right to life;

- calling for a thorough, independent and impartial inquiry into these reports, for the findings of the inquiry to be made public and for those responsible for any unlawful killings to be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

1) President of the Republic

Sua Excelência

José Eduardo dos Santos

Gabinete da Presidência da República

Palácio do Povo

Luanda

República Popular de Angola

Telegrams: Presidente da Republica, Luanda, Angola

Telexes: 3072 lugol an, or 3345 gab pres an

[Salutation: Sua Excelência/Your Excellency]

2) Minister of Foreign Affairs

Sua Excelência

Pedro Castro van Dunem "Loy"

Ministro das Relações Exteriores

Ministério das Relações Exteriores

Luanda

República Popular de Angola

Telegrams: Minister van Dunem, Luanda, Angola

Telexes: 3127 or 3128 mirex an

[Salutation: Excelência/Your Excellency]

3) Minister of Defence

Sua Excelência

Pedro Maria Tonha "Pedale"

Ministro da Defesa

Ministério da Defesa

Rua Silva Carvalho

Luanda

República Popular de Angola

Telegrams: Ministro Tonha, Luanda, Angola

Telexes: 3138 def an

[Salutation: Excelência/Your Excellency]

COPIES TO:

Provincial Governor (female)

Sua Excelência

Maria Mambo Café

Governadora Provincial de Cabinda

Gabinete do governador Provincial

Cabinda

República Popular de Angola

and to diplomatic representatives of Angola in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 22 January 1992.