

meetings and demonstrations, political parties, states of emergency, the press and the creation of a State Security Court. Broad powers of administrative detention without charge or trial were retained by, or granted to, a wide range of government officials. Heavy restrictions have been placed on the holding of public meetings and demonstrations, and on the creation of new political parties.

On 28 March 1991 a presidential amnesty was announced for political prisoners. Over 80 prisoners, including prisoners of conscience, are reported to have been released, while others had their sentences substantially reduced. Most had been held for seven years, some without charge or trial, in connection with a coup attempt in 1984.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- expressing concern about reports that students arrested on 2 April 1991 are still in custody;
- inquiring about the legal basis for their imprisonment and asking in particular if their cases have been referred to a judicial authority;
- requesting assurances that all those detained will be humanely treated in accordance with international standards and allowed access to relatives and any necessary medical treatment.

APPEALS TO:

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Le Messager, BP 5925, Douala, Cameroon
La Gazette, BP 5485, Douala, Cameroon
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and to diplomatic representatives of Cameroon in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 19 May 1991.