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Further Information on UA 79/09 (AFR 24/003/2009, 19 March 2009) Torture/Denial of medical treatment

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Epifanio Pascual Nguema Alogo (m)
José Eworo Mba (m)

The police have agreed to allow Epifanio Pascual Nguema Alogo to receive medical treatment. On 23 March he was transferred to a clinic in Bata where he is receiving treatment for injuries caused by torture. His health is improving: he is in less pain and is passing less blood in his urine. He is expected to remain in hospital at least until 10 April. He is still formally under arrest, but, he is not under police guard. However, a soldier visits him regularly, apparently to ensure he is still in hospital and to check on his recovery.

José Eworo Mba is now known to have joint Spanish and Equatorial Guinean nationality; he works as a security guard in the town in Spain where he lives. He was arrested two days after arriving in Bata. The police confiscated his documents; they have now returned his passport, but retained the identity card issued by the company he works for, which they claim is a Spanish police identification card. In addition to accusing him of spying for the Spanish government, the police have accused José Eworo Mba of theft, without saying what he is supposed to have stolen. It is not clear whether he is receiving medical treatment for his diabetes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Spanish or your own language:

- welcoming the news that Epifanio Pascual Nguema Alogo is receiving medical treatment in a clinic, and urging the authorities to ensure he and José Eworo Mba are given whatever medical treatment they may require;
- expressing concern that Epifanio Pascual Nguema Alogo and José Eworo Mba are still held without charge at Bata Central Police Station, and urging the authorities to either release them or charge them immediately with a recognizable criminal offence;
- expressing concern that Epifanio Pascual Nguema Alogo has been tortured, and urging the authorities to order an independent enquiry and bring those responsible to justice;
- calling on the authorities to ensure the men are humanely treated and not subjected to any form of torture or other ill-treatment.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Equatorial Guinea accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 11 May 2009.