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**Further Information on UA 263/04 (AFR 44/026/2004, 7 September 2004)
Fear of torture/incommunicado detention**

NIGERIA **Raphael Olatoye (m) aged 47, production manager at *Insider Weekly* magazine**
 Cyril Mbamulu (m) aged 32, distribution officer
 Security guard (m) name not known
 Osa Director (m) editor-in-chief

Raphael Olatoye, Cyril Mbamulu and a security guard from *Insider Weekly* magazine were all released without charge on 10 September. They had been arrested on 4 and 5 September, by officers from the State Security Service (SSS) who raided their offices in the capital Lagos.

The men were detained at the SSS headquarters in Lagos and spent some time in incommunicado detention. They were questioned about the whereabouts of other journalists from *Insider Weekly* magazine though none of them were reportedly tortured.

Officers from the SSS are reportedly still blocking access to the *Insider Weekly* building. The magazine's editor-in-chief, Mr Osa Director and other colleagues remain in hiding as they are said to fear being arrested.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. If possible please send a final round of appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- welcoming the release of Raphael Olatoye, Cyril Mbamulu and the security guard from *Insider Weekly* magazine, but expressing grave concern for the safety of Osa Director and others from the magazine who have gone into hiding as they fear being arrested;
- reminding the authorities that the Nigerian Constitution states in section 39 (1) that "Every person shall be entitled to freedom of expression, including freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart ideas and information without interference"
- reminding the authorities that the African Charter for Human and Peoples' Rights states in Article 9 (2) that "Every individual shall have the right to express and disseminate his opinions within the law."

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Nigeria accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 October 2004.