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Further information on UA 438/93 (AFR 17/08/93, 22 December 1993) -
Torture/Death in custody

CAMEROON: Cyprian Tanwie Ndifor
Peter Achu

Amnesty International has learned that Peter Achu was released from detention on 21 December 1993.

He had been arrested on 15 December with Cyprian Tanwie Ndifor, who worked at a Catholic pastoral centre, apparently suspected of theft. They were taken to gendarmerie headquarters in Bamenda, North-West Province. Although seen in detention on the day of their arrest, subsequent visits by family and colleagues were refused. On 18 December the authorities admitted that Cyprian Tanwie Ndifor was dead. He had died on the night of 15 December as a result of injuries sustained during severe beating.

No official inquiry into the death of Cyprian Tanwie Ndifor has been announced.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or your own language:

- continuing to express grave concern about the death as a result of torture of Cyprian Tanwie Ndifor on 15 December 1993 while in the custody of the gendarmerie in Bamenda;
- again calling for an immediate independent, judicial and open investigation into the death of Cyprian Tanwie Ndifor and urging that those responsible for his death be brought to justice;
- urging the immediate implementation of effective measures to safeguard all prisoners against torture and ill-treatment.

APPEALS TO:

1) President:

Son Excellence Monsieur Paul Biya
Président de la République
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Yaoundé, Cameroon

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Salutation: Monsieur le Président de la République/Dear President

2) Prime Minister:

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Prime Minister
Prime Minister's Office
Immeuble Etoile
Yaoundé, Cameroon

Telegrams: Prime Minister Achu, Yaounde, Cameroon

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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister/Monsieur le Premier Ministre

3) Governor of North-West Province

Mr Luc-René Bell

Governor of North-West Province

Governor's Office

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Telegrams: North-West Province Governor Bell, Bamenda, Cameroon

Salutation: Monsieur le Gouverneur/Dear Governor

4) Gendarmerie Legion Commander

The Legion Commander

Gendarmerie

5000 Bamenda, Cameroon

Telegrams: Legion Commander, Gendarmerie, Bamenda, Cameroon

Salutation: Monsieur le Commandant/Dear Legion Commander

COPIES OF SOME OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Dr Solomon Nfor Gwei

President

National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms

PO Box 20317

Yaoundé, Cameroon

Cameroon Post, BP 1981, Yaoundé, Cameroon

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Our People, BP 244, Bamenda, Cameroon

Peuple d'Afrique, BP 1287, Yaoundé, Cameroon

La Gazette, BP 5485, Douala, Cameroon

Dikalo, BP 12656, Douala, Cameroon

and to diplomatic representatives of Cameroon accredited to your country

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 February 1994.