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UA 32/93 Extrajudicial execution/  
Fear of Extrajudicial Execution

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CHAD: Inhabitants of Goré town and villages in the surrounding area in  
Moyen-Chari district, at least 45 of whom have been killed including:

Djimta BALO, trader, aged 32

~~Matthieu NDOTOLOUM, Protestant pastor~~

Jacob DIBO, pastor

Gabriel MBAÏTOLOUM, Catechist (lay churchworker)

Rachel YOHODUTUM, (female)

Alphonse NDOOYO, driver

Amnesty International is gravely concerned by reports coming from Goré town in southern Chad's Moyen-Chari district that members of the Garde républicain, Republican Guard, a unit of the Armée nationale Tchadienne (ANT), Chadian National Army, are carrying out indiscriminate mass extrajudicial executions in Goré town and several villages in the surrounding area.

The Ligue Tchadienne des droits de l'homme, (LTDH), Chadian Human Rights League, has reported that since 21 January 1993 at least 45 civilians, including young children, women and religious leaders, have been killed by the army, apparently in reprisal for insurgent activity in the area. There have been reports that many more civilians, in some cases entire families, have been killed, apparently so that there were no witnesses to give accounts of what occurred. Since 21 January, soldiers have reportedly been burning and shelling villages in the area indiscriminately. Reports from the capital N'Djamena, say that the government is continuing to deploy large numbers of heavily armed soldiers in the area and it is feared that they are likely to continue the carnage.

These killings have occurred in the wake of armed clashes between government troops and rebels. The rebels are members of the Comité de sursaut national pour la paix et la démocratie (CSNPD), Committee for the Revitalization of Peace and Democracy, based in southern Chad and led by Lt. Moïse Ketté, a breakaway senior official of the ruling Mouvement Patriotique de salut (MPS), Patriotic Movement for Salvation, and former officer in ANT. The CSNPD are said to have now fled the area around Goré.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The first clashes between the CSNPD and government troops broke out in N'Djamena on 21 February 1992, when the insurgents reportedly attacked a police station in Chagoua district. In the wake of the attack dozens of people were killed indiscriminately by the security forces; most of the victims were unarmed civilians from southern Chad, who were not involved with the insurgents. In mid-August 1992 members of the Garde républicain were responsible for over 100 extrajudicial executions of civilians following fighting with the CSNPD in Doba, also in southern Chad. Despite numerous appeals, the Chadian government has so far failed to initiate

any inquiry into the incident or discipline any of the soldiers engaged in the killings. It is also reported that the town of Doba and the surrounding area have also been placed under virtual martial law, with no protection against human rights violations.

After 26 years of insecurity and war in Chad, the government opened a National Conference on 15 January 1993 in N'Djamena and delegates from political parties, human rights groups and religious organisations were invited to discuss the country's political future. Amnesty International has appealed to the National Conference to take strong action to end the cycle of violence and to protect human rights. However, fighting between the army and different insurgent groups

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in southern Chad as well as in the lake Chad region has been continuing since the beginning of the National conference.

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

- expressing profound concern at reports that members of the Chadian National Army have been committing extrajudicial executions and other human rights violations since 21 January 1993 in Goré and several villages in the surrounding area of Moyen-Chari district in southern Chad;

- expressing grave concern that the authorities have failed to take any action in response to the reported extrajudicial execution of at least 45 unarmed civilians, including women and children (name those mentioned above), despite the fact that reports of these killings have been widely publicised;

- calling on the government to urgently initiate an independent and impartial inquiry into all extrajudicial executions and other human rights violations which are reported to have occurred in southern Chad since 21 January 1993 and to ensure that those found to be responsible are brought to justice;

- urging the government to issue public instructions to members of the security forces that the killing of unarmed civilians or captured combatants is a grave violation of human rights and that those found to be responsible will be brought to justice.

**APPEALS TO**

1) President:

Général Idriss DEBY  
Président de la République  
Présidence de la République  
N'DJAMENA, République du Tchad

**Salutation: Monsieur le Président de la République /  
Dear President**

**Telegrams: President Déby, N'Djamena, Chad**  
**Telexes: 5201 PRESIREP KD or 5307 PRESIREP KD**  
**Faxes: + 235 51 4501**

2) Minister of Defence:

Monsieur Loum Hinassou LAINA  
Ministre délégué auprès de la  
Présidence de la République,  
chargé de la Défense nationale  
Ministère de la Défense nationale  
N'DJAMENA, République du Tchad

**Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre /  
Dear Minister**

**Telegrams: Ministre Defense, N'Djamena, Chad**  
**Faxes: + 235 51 4501**

3) Prime Minister:

Monsieur Joseph YODOYMAN

Premier Ministre

N'DJAMENA, République du Tchad

**Telegrams: Premier Ministre Bawoyeu, N'Djamena, Chad**

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**Faxes: + 235 51 4501**

**Salutation: Monsieur le Premier  
Ministre /**

**Dear Prime Minister**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

1) Human Rights Organization:

Monsieur Djondang TCHAKNONE

Président

Ligue tchadienne des droits de l'homme

BP 2037

N'Djamena, République du Tchad

and to diplomatic representatives of Chad accredited to your country

2) Newspaper:

Rédacteur-en-Chef

N'Djamena-Hebdo

11 Avenue Charles de Gaulle

BP 760

N'Djamena, République du Tchad

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 March 1993.