

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 24/98 (AFR 24/01/98, 23 January 1998) and follow-up (AFR 24/02/98, 27 January 1998) - Fear of torture/possible prisoners of conscience and new concern: Extrajudicial Executions

EQUATORIAL GUINEA Víctor Buyaban, teacher - and his wife (name unknown)

Father Eduardo Losoa, Roman Catholic priest

Augustín Iriri (not Carmelo Iriri as stated in original UA)

Juan Loeri, director of studies of the School of

Agriculture

Marcelo Lohoso, parliamentarian

Cristino Meda Seriche

Aurelio Losoa, age 78

Florencio Sicoco

Anastasio Copoboru

"Ebulabate" (no other name known)

Silvestre Orichi, age 59 (now thought to be in hiding)

Remigio Mete;

Atanasio Bitá Rope;

Bienvenido Yamba ;

Epifanio Moaba

Ignacio Bitá

Lucia Quenero (wife of Ignacio Bitá)

Arcadio Boneke

Enrique Boneke Mitelepó, age 79 (whereabouts unknown)

And others

New names:

Marcelino Malope Mele (killed)

Gustavo Mulé, around 30 years old (killed)

Mansueto Loeri (whereabouts unknown)

On the morning of 22 January 1998, Marcelino Malope Mele - the step-son of the mayor of Malabo - was shot dead by soldiers outside the church in Belebú as he reportedly returned from an all-night hunting trip in the bush.

On 23 January, Gustavo Mulé was also shot dead by soldiers in the same village and several of his relatives arrested.

Amnesty International is concerned that these killings appear to be extrajudicial executions carried out by the security forces in reprisal for the attacks that took place on military barracks in Luba, Moka and Bahó Grande on 21 January, by unknown persons.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that the number of people killed by the security forces in the wake of these attacks may be considerably higher than this. It remains very difficult to confirm this information.

Enrique Boneke Mitelepó and Mansueto Loeri have reportedly been removed from their places of detention and their current whereabouts are not known. Enrique Boneke Mitelepó was detained at Malabo central police station. Mansueto Loeri

was detained in Luba where he had been arrested. Amnesty International is concerned for their safety.

On 28 January President Teodoro Obiang Nguema called for calm and for an end to the persecution of the Bubi population. However, further arrests have continued.

Correction: Silvestre Orichi was not apparently detained as first stated in the follow-up to this UA (AFR 24/02/98, 27 January 1998) and is thought to be in hiding.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue action as specified in original UA. In addition please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/ airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language:

- expressing serious concern at the reported killings of Gustavo Mulé and Marcelino Malope Mele and seeking guarantees that security operations will be conducted in strict accordance with international standards regulating the behaviour of law-enforcement officials and the use of force and firearms;
- urging the authorities to issue clear orders to the security forces that violations of human rights will not be tolerated and will be punishable;
- inquiring as to the whereabouts of Enrique Boneke and Masueto Loeri;
- calling for an impartial and independent investigation into all human rights violations with a view to bringing perpetrators to justice.

APPEALS TO:

Note: Appeals may be faxed to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Security via the Ministry of Interior using fax number: + 240 9 2688 or via the Ministry of Justice using fax number + 240 9 2824 requesting that your fax be forwarded. If voice ask: "me puede conectar el fax por favor".

Fax tones may be difficult to obtain at times due to electricity cuts.

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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 17 March 1998.