

URGENT ACTION

SENTENCED TO DEATH, AGAINST PROSECUTION CALL
A 20-year-old man, Amadou Tamboura, was sentenced to death on 7 May in Equatorial Guinea, after the Litoral Provincial Court in the city of Bata convicted him of aggravated murder. The death penalty is mandatory for murder unless there are mitigating circumstances.

Amadou Tamboura is a Malian national who at the time of the crime had been living with relatives in the city of Bata for two months.

During his trial in April 2012 Amadou Tamboura admitted to stabbing a woman on the night of 21 December 2011, at his house. He admitted to having sex with the woman who, according to him, was his lover. He said that the woman then asked him for money; as he did not have the amount she asked for she took a knife from the kitchen and attacked him. They fought, and in trying to take the knife away from the woman, he stabbed her.

The prosecution accepted that Amadou Tamboura had killed the woman accidentally in the course of the fight and that he had tried to compensate her family by offering them money. The prosecutor asked for a sentence of 23 years' imprisonment, but the court sentenced him to death.

Amadou Tamboura's lawyer has lodged an appeal with the Supreme Court on the grounds that the killing was not premeditated and that the prosecution had asked for a custodial sentence and not the death penalty.

No date has yet been set for the appeal hearing.

Please write immediately in Spanish or your own language:

- Calling on the authorities to stop the execution of Amadeu Tamboura and overturn his death sentence;
- Calling on President Obiang Nguema to commute the death sentence;
- Urging the authorities to establish a moratorium on the use of the death penalty, with a view to abolishing it entirely, in line with UN General Assembly resolutions and growing global trends

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 11 JULY 2012 TO:

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Salutation: Excelencia/

Your Excellency

Minister of Justice

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Salutation: Dear Minister/Sr Don

And copies to:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The last known executions were carried out in Equatorial Guinea in August 2010, when four men were convicted, after an unfair trial, of attempting to kill the president. The last executions before that were in 2007, when, three men who had been convicted of murder in separate cases in 2006 were executed after the Supreme Court rejected their appeals.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as the ultimate cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and a violation of the right to life as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International covenant on Civil and Political Rights to which Equatorial Guinea is a state party.

During the Universal Periodic Review of Equatorial Guinea in December 2009, the UN Human Rights Council's member states called, among other things, for the abolition of the death penalty. The Equatorial Guinea government rejected this recommendation, saying that abolition of the death penalty presented "moral and juridical difficulties".

Name: Amadou Tamboura

Gender m/f: M

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