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Further information on UA 320/93, AFR 24/15/93, 13 September 1993) - Fear of Imminent Execution and new concern unfair trial

EQUATORIAL GUINEA: Orlando Cartagena  
Francisco Medina (or Benevina)

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Recent information available to Amnesty International indicates that, contrary to first reports, the two above mentioned people were not sentenced to death on 13 September 1993. They were, in fact, sentenced to 25 years imprisonment. The prosecution had asked for the death sentence to be imposed on Orlando Cartagena and Francisco Medina. Neither them nor their co-defendants have the right to appeal against their convictions and sentences.

Amnesty International is continuing to inquire about the precise charges against the defendants and the details of the trial.

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

**Please stop all appeals expressing concern about, and calling for the commutation of, the death penalty imposed on Orlando Cartagena and Francisco Medina**

You should, however continue to send appeals:

- expressing concern that the trial was unfair and that the defendants had no right to appeal against their convictions or sentences;
- requesting details of the charges against each defendant and copies of the verdict;
- inquiring whether the "most summary" procedures were used and expressing concern that these procedures severely curtail the rights of the defence;
- expressing concern also that the defendants were reportedly badly beaten after their arrest.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) President  
Coronel Obiang Nguema Mbasogo  
Presidente de la República  
Ministro de Defensa Nacional  
Gabinete del Presidente de la República,

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**Salutation: Su Excelencia/Your Excellency**

2) Prime Minister

Silvestre Siale Bileka

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**Salutation: Excelentísimo Señor/Dear Prime Minister**

3) Minister of Justice and Religion

Mariano Nsué Nguema

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**Salutation: Excelentísimo Señor/Dear Minister**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS 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 26 October 1993.