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Further information on UA 300/93 (AFR 24/13/93, 1 September 1993) - Arbitrary arrest/torture

Equatorial Guinea: Francisco Engono Micué and José Ramón Obama

Following intense international pressure, Francisco Engono Micué and José Ramón Obama were released at 6am on 20 September 1993. They had been arrested in Bata on 31 August. Francisco Engono Micué had been severely tortured and sustained serious injuries to his arms, feet, back and one eye. José Ramón Obama was also ill-treated although not as severely as Francisco Engono Micué.

Amnesty International has also learnt that Father José Luis Engono, Francisco Engono Micué's son who had gone into hiding to evade arrest, reemerged around 16 September after the government gave written assurances that he would not be arrested or harassed.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters either in Spanish, French or in your own language:

- welcoming the release of Francisco Engono Micué and José Ramón Obama;
- expressing concern at reports they were severely tortured and that Francisco Engono Micué sustained severe injuries as a result;
- calling for a public inquiry into these reports and for those responsible to be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO

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