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Further information on UA 333/93 (AFR 32/12/93, 21 September 1993) - and follow-up(s): AFR 32/13/93, 29 September, AFR 32/14/93, 11 October, AFR 32/15/93, 25 October and AFR 32/16/93, 19 November - Health Concern/Legal Concern/Fear of ill-treatment

KENYA:Koigi wa Wamwere, human rights activist, former political prisoner, former member of parliament  
Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki, cousin of Koigi wa Wamwere, former political prisoner  
John Njoroge Wamwere, brother of Koigi wa Wamwere  
Stefan Kariuki Muigai  
Francis Ngigi Kabege  
Wilfred Kinuthia Ngengi

and John Kinyanjui, member of a faction of the Release Political Prisoners (RPP) campaigning group

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Amnesty International is concerned that **Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki** has not received medical treatment for acute typhoid. This is despite a court order on 16 November 1993 requiring him to be taken to hospital. A further order was made on 25 November but his lawyers fear that this will also be ignored by the prison authorities. Typhoid is reportedly rife in Nakuru prison, where he is being held.

Following a court order on 16 November, **Stefan Kariuki Muigai** has now received medical treatment for injuries resulting from torture while in police custody.

The trial date of **Koigi wa Wamwere** and the five others charged with him (as above) has been set for 14 December 1993. All six have entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of robbery with violence, which carries a mandatory death sentence. Six other people have also been charged with robbery with violence following the raid on Bahati Police Post in Nakuru on 2 November 1993. Their cases are being dealt with separately and no details of those charged are known.

**John Kinyanjui** was initially granted bail of Kenyan Shillings 500,000 (UK£500 equivalent) on 10 November. He was unable to raise this amount and therefore remained in custody, but this was reduced on 24 November and is expected to be released shortly. It is believed that his bail was initially set at such a high amount in an attempt to keep him in custody during the period when large numbers of suspected government opponents were arrested. Many of those arrested have since been released or charged.

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

- appealing for Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki to urgently receive immediate and adequate medical treatment, including admission to hospital and access to his own doctor;
- calling for an independent investigation into reports that Stefan Kariuki Muigai has been tortured by police;
- seeking public assurances of humane treatment of those still held including immediate, regular and private access to their families, legal representatives and doctors;
- expressing concern that Koigi wa Wamwere and the other prisoners may be prisoners of conscience and stating that AI will be watching the judicial proceedings very closely in view of the pattern of unfair political trials of peaceful government opponents and doubts about their alleged involvement in the raid on Bahati Police Post.

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**Salutation: Dear Police Commissioner**

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