

EXTERNAL

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**Further information on UA 405/97 (AFR 47/45/97, 22 December 1997) -  
Fear of ill-treatment / medical concern**

**RWANDA Philomène Mukabarali**

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Philomène Mukabarali is still in detention at the "criminologie", a detention centre in the capital Kigali, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Gendarmerie. She is now able to receive visitors, who have been allowed to bring her medicines. However, she has reportedly still not been examined by a doctor. There are continuing fears for her physical and psychological health.

A few days after her arrest on 19 December 1997, soldiers reportedly returned to Philomène Mukabarali's house. They questioned an elderly domestic worker there about his relationship with the family and asked him why he had remained in the house.

On 31 December, at least five of the people who had been arrested with Philomène Mukabarali on 19 December were released. There are unconfirmed reports that several of them had been beaten in detention and required medical treatment. The domestic worker Ndagijimana is among those who remain in detention.

Those released were reportedly questioned by military officials about whether there were arms or *interahamwe* militiamen in Philomène Mukabarali's home. They denied these allegations.

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

- welcoming the fact that Philomène Mukabarali has been allowed to receive visits and to take her medicines, but expressing continuing concern for her physical and psychological health in detention;
- appealing for her to be given immediate access to a doctor;
- calling for her immediate and unconditional release, unless she is to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 17 February 1998.