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Further information on UA 91/96 (AFR 47/04/96, 2 April 1996) and follow-up (AFR 47/06/96, 25 April) - Fear for safety / Fear of ill-treatment

RWANDA Joseph Ruyenzi, journalist, in his 30s

The Urgent Action Network has received a reply from Major Wilson Rutayisire of the *Office rwandais de l'information* (ORINFOR). In his letter, Major Rutayisire states that Joseph Ruyenzi is presently detained on suspicion of an act of rape and mutilation allegedly committed during the genocide of 1994. He reported that Joseph Ruyenzi was currently detained at Kigali Central Prison.

Amnesty International has no further information about Joseph Ruyenzi's current treatment in detention.

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

- asking for any further information on the charges against Joseph Ruyenzi;
- seeking assurances that he is not being ill-treated or tortured and that he has access to legal advice;
- calling for his immediate and unconditional release if he is not to be formally charged with a recognizable criminal offence.

If participants have received the reply from Major Rutayisire referred to above, please

- thank him for his reply;
- ask him to keep you informed of any charges against Joseph Ruyenzi, pointing out that if he is not formally charged with a recognizably criminal offence, he should be immediately and unconditionally released;
- ask him for assurances that Joseph Ruyenzi is not being ill-treated or tortured, and that he has access to legal advice.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre/Dear Minister

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and to diplomatic representatives of Rwanda accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 June 1996.