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Rwanda: Caritas MUSHANGANONO (F)

Jean-Claude PARE

Father Philippe RUKAMBA, Roman Catholic Priest

Innocent ZITONI, taxi driver

In response to Urgent Action appeals, Rwandese authorities have informed us that Caritas Mushanganono is being held in pre-trial detention. She is accused of having collaborated with the rebels and being aware of their intentions to invade Rwanda without revealing this information to the authorities. She has not yet been charged with any offence.

Jean-Claude Pare and Innocent Zitoni have been accused of contacts with the rebels and insulting the head of State; their cases are currently being investigated by an examining magistrate (*juge d'instruction*) who will determine whether they will be brought to trial. Innocent Zitoni was released in mid-January 1991 but rearrested about two weeks later.

Father Philippe Rukamba was apparently never arrested.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- welcoming the news that Father Philippe Rukamba was not in detention and acknowledging information received about the other individuals;
- urging that investigations into the case against Caritas Mushanganono are completed without delay and asking that unless she is found to have committed a recognizably criminal offence, she should be released;
- urging that Jean-Claude Pare and Innocent Zitoni be brought to trial before an independent and impartial court as soon as possible and that their trial conform to international standards of fairness;
- in particular urging that they be allowed defence counsel and that they are allowed the right to appeal against their sentence;
- asking that if there is insufficient proof that they have committed a recognizably criminal offence, they are released without delay.

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