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Further information on UA 76/92 (AFR 53/05/92, 5 March 1992) - Extrajudicial Execution/Fear of Extrajudicial Execution:

SOUTH AFRICA:

Willies MCHUNU - Executive member African National Congress (ANC) Northern
Natal Regional Executive Committee and National Projects Officer,
National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa (NUMSA)
Enoch NZUZA - NUMSA regional organizer and ANC member
Mike MABUYAKHULU - NUMSA Northern Natal Regional Secretary and member of the
Esikhawini ANC monitoring committee
Samuel NYAWO - NUMSA shop Steward and ANC member

and new names of six people assassinated:

Dumisani Shandu
Victor Khumalo
Thembe Shandu
N Mathenjwa
Josiah Nxumalo
Phila Mthiyane

On 26 August 1992, Samuel Nyawo was assassinated by a group of armed men wearing balaclavas. The attack occurred on the same day on which Enoch Nzuza narrowly escaped assassination when a group of gunmen armed with automatic weapons and pistols fired on him on his way to work. Shortly before Samuel Nyawo was killed, the home of Bheki Ntuli, Northern Natal regional chairman of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) and a NUMSA shop steward, came under attack by a group of men wearing balaclavas and carrying automatic weapons, shotguns, tear-gas and hand-grenades. The occupants of the house, who included Enoch Nzuza managed to escape from the house, which was severely damaged. On the same evening, in Esikhawini township, six other ANC members named above, were assassinated. It is not clear to Amnesty International if these killings occurred in a single incident or separately.

These assassinations took place during a month in which 25 other people have been assassinated in Esikhawini township or in the vicinity, including 11 people killed in a single incident on 2 August 1992. According to human rights monitors, the killings follow a pattern and apparently involve a hit-squad with possible links to the KwaZulu Police. Gun cartridge cases identical to those issued to the KwaZulu Police have been found on the scenes of these killings. The KwaZulu Police, in this Northern Natal area and in other parts of the province of Natal, have been repeatedly linked to incidents of violence carried out by supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) against members of the ANC and allied organizations. Human rights monitors, members of the parliamentary opposition Democratic Party and others have repeatedly appealed during August 1992 to Government and Police Authorities to order fully independent investigations into these killings and into the

conduct of the KwaZulu police. No independent investigations are known to have been ordered and no steps have been taken against the KwaZulu Police linked directly or indirectly to these attacks.

Fears of further killings have been heightened by reports that the IFP intends to bring supporters by bus into the area on 30 August, apparently with the intention of forcing out remaining ANC supporters. Human rights organizations have appealed to the authorities to ensure that adequate policing by members of the South African Police and the South Africa Defence Force is provided to prevent any further deaths.

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FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- expressing concern at the killings of Samuel Nyawo and six others as named above, in Esikhawini township on the night of 26 August 1992;
- expressing concern that these and other attacks were carried out by heavily armed men, apparently using weaponry normally issued to members of the KwaZulu Police;
- urging the authorities to order a fully-independent investigation into these murders and attacks and into the conduct of the KwaZulu Police based in the area;
- urging the authorities to take all necessary steps to protect members of the Esikhawini area who are likely to be victims of violent attacks or victims of extrajudicial executions, through measures including disarming groups carrying dangerous weapons in public.

APPEALS TO:

1. Mr F W de Klerk
State President
State President's Office
Private Bag X83
Pretoria 0001, South Africa

**Telegrams: President De Klerk,
Pretoria, South Africa**
**Telexes: 321695 SPLIB SA, 321890 PRES
SA, 322158 PRES SA**
Faxes: + 27 12 323 3982
Salutation: Dear President

2. MR H J Kriel
Minister of Law and Order
Private Bag X463
Pretoria 0001, South Africa

**Telegrams: Minister Law/Order,
Pretoria, South Africa**
**Telexes: 321353 HABS SA (via Ministry
of Home Affairs**
Faxes: + 27 12 322 2559
Salutation: Dear Minister

SOME COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO: any of these:

Colonel Lourens
Police Liaison Officer
Police Headquarters
PO Box 391
Durban 4000
South Africa

Colonel Strydom
Station Commander
Empangeni Police Station

3. Brigadier J Buchner
Commissioner of Police, KwaZulu
Department of Police
Private Bag X14
Ulundi 3838
South Africa

**Telegrams: Police Commissioner Buchner,
Ulundi, South Africa**
Salutation: Dear Commissioner

4. Major-General C Steyn
Regional Commission of Police, Natal
PO Box 391
Durban 4000
South Africa

**Telegrams: Natal Regional Police
Commissioner, Durban, South
Africa**
Salutation: Dear Commissioner

Empangeni 3880
South Africa

Colonel Mzimela
Station Commander
Esikhawini Police Station
Near Esikhawini 3880
South Africa

and also to one or more of the following:

- The Editor, Natal Mercury, PO Box 950, Durban 4000, South Africa
- Human Rights Commission, Natal Office, 20 St Andrews Street, Durban 4001, South Africa
- Joint Working Committee, Natal Region, PO Box 10026, Marine Parade, Durban 4056, South Africa
- Mr Roy Ainslie, Democratic Party, Natal Coastal Region, PO Box 37034, Overport, Durban 4067, South Africa

as well as to diplomatic representatives of South Africa accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 9 October 1992.