

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 117/96 (AFR 62/09/96, 26 July 1996) and follow-up (AFR 62/11/96, 4 September) - Fear of torture / Prisoners of conscience

ZAIRE Didi Mwati Bulambo

Kyalosho Kalunda

Donatien Mazambi

Lambert Mbunganyi

- all workers at the *Collectif d'action pour le developpement des droits de l'homme (CADDHOM)*

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Kyalosho Kalunda, Donatien Mazambi and Lambert Mbunganyi were provisionally released from Kamituga prison on 16 September, on the orders of the Public prosecutor at Bukavu, after intervention by the Minister of Justice.

All three are currently receiving medical treatment at a health centre in Kamituga, after having been subjected to whippings and living in extremely poor conditions.

The Minister of Justice has also transferred the two magistrates from the public prosecutor's office, which had been criticised in *Mwangaza*, the newsletter of CADDHOM.

One further round of appeals is requested to the authorities listed previously.

Thank you to all who have sent appeals, which CADDHOM believe brought about the release of the detainees.

**Please send, by 20 October 1996, telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in French, or in your own language:**

- calling for an inquiry into the use of torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment in the prison at Kamituga and that those found to be responsible are brought to justice;
- calling for all charges against Didi Mwati Bulambo and the three other prisoners of conscience to be dropped.