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Further information on UA 140/91 (AMR 36/01/91, 24 April 1991) - Torture

HAITI: Lucien Auguste, aged 24
Joseph Nixon, aged 23

Amnesty International has learned of the recent release of Lucien Auguste, who was detained, together with his father Philistin Auguste and Joseph Nixon, on 4 March 1991 in Kenscoff region of the Département de l'Ouest (Western Department). All three were reportedly tortured while in custody. Philistine Auguste was released the same day.

Joseph Nixon remains in detention at the Pénitencier National (National Penitentiary) in Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti. Amnesty International has been informed that the newly appointed Minister of Justice, Maître Carl Auguste, has spoken personally with Joseph Nixon. Amnesty International will continue to monitor the situation of Joseph Nixon. No further action is therefore required at this time.

On a further note, an Amnesty International delegation which visited Haiti in May 1991, met with Captain Charles, Commander of the National Penitentiary, who showed the delegation a file containing over 50 appeals that had arrived in the previous week from Urgent Action participants. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on their behalf.