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NIGERIA: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISITS NIGERIA TO INVESTIGATE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING KILLINGS AND KEN SARO-WIWA MURDER TRIAL

An Amnesty International team will visit Nigeria from 8 to 20 December to hold talks with the Nigerian government on human rights matters and seek information on human rights violations in that country.

The three representatives of the human rights organization also plan to visit Rivers State in Nigeria, where there have been extrajudicial executions and detentions in Ogoniland in recent months. The Amnesty International team will look into the forthcoming murder trial, to be held before a special military tribunal, of internationally-renowned writer Ken Saro-wiwa and other Ogoni leaders.

The delegation consists of Tiébilé Dramé, a former Minister of Foreign Affairs in Mali and until recently Human Rights Director of the United Nations Civilian Mission in Haiti; Sarah Pennington, staff researcher at the organization's International Secretariat in London; and Bartholomeus Monnens, staff member of the Netherlands branch of Amnesty International.

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