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Further information on UA 371/94 (AFR 24/11/94, 7 October 1994) and follow-up (AFR 24/12/94, 12 October) - Fear of torture / Prisoners of conscience / Fear of further arrests

EQUATORIAL GUINEA	Indalecio Abuy)	
	Indalecio Eko)	human rights activists
	Tomás Nzo)	
	Plácido Micó)	
	Victorino Bolekia Banay)	political activists
	José Mecheba Ikaka)	
	Amancio Gabriel Nze)	

Following intense international pressure including that from Amnesty International, all the above named men have been released.

Indalecio Abuy, Indalecio Eko and Tomás Nzo were released on 11 October 1994. However, for some days they were not allowed to leave Niefang, the town where they had been arrested and held. These restrictions have now been lifted.

Amancio Gabriel Nze was released on 12 October, but for a few days after his release he had to go to the police station everyday.

Plácido Micó, Victorino Bolekia Banay and José Mecheba Ikaka were released from Bata prison on 13 October. Plácido Micó and Victorino Bolekia Banay returned to Malabo, the capital of Equatorial Guinea on Bioko Island where they reside, on 16 October.

However, José Mecheba, who was to travel to Malabo on 20 October has been prevented, on several occasions, from travelling by the airport police. No explanation has been given by the police other than they have orders from higher authorities not to let him travel.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language

- welcoming the release of Indalecio Abuy, Indalecio Eko, Tomás Nzo, Plácido Micó, Victorino Bolekia Banay, José Mecheba Ikaka and Amancio Gabriel Nze;
- reiterating concern that they were tortured in custody and calling for a public inquiry into these reports and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- expressing concern at reports that the airport authorities are preventing José Mecheba Ikaka from travelling to Malabo, which would indicate that his release from prison is conditional, and requesting that all restrictions of his freedom of movement be lifted immediately.

APPEALS TO

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