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RWANDA: Shabani Gasigwa, 53 years old, driver
 Ali Hitimana, 22 years old
 Kayiranga, 26 years old, trader
 Hadj Haruna Maboyi
 Louis Nkusi, 30 years old
 Evariste Sissi, 49 years old, businessman
 Bosco Uwizeyimana, 27 years old
 Vianney, son of Mbundi, 33 years old

Amnesty International has learned that the eight people named above were released on 17 July 1992. All judicial proceedings against them are reported to have been withdrawn. Their release took place at the same time as that of 23 other detainees whom the Rwandese government says are members of the *Front Patriotique Rwandais* (FPR), Rwandese Patriotic Front, captured in action by Rwandese government troops after the FPR attacked Rwanda in October 1990.

The eight people were arrested in June 1992 on suspicion, apparently without evidence, of recruiting or accepting to be recruited into the ranks of the FPR. Virtually all of them were reportedly subjected to torture or severe ill-treatment at an interrogation centre supervised by the National Gendarmerie in the centre of the capital, Kigali, known as the "Fichier central" (Central Registry), also known as the "service de criminologie", (Criminology Service), before being transferred to Kigali central prison.

Amnesty International was concerned that the eight people were arrested solely because they were members of the Tutsi ethnic group suspected, without evidence, of supporting the FPR. The organization was also concerned that members of the security forces would again interrogate some or all of the eight people and subject them to torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals on their behalf. No further action is required.