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Further information on UA 199/96 (AFR 47/16/96, 8 August 1996) and follow-ups (AFR 47/19/96, 15 August; AFR 47/21/96, 13 September; AFR 47/15/97, 30 April 1997; AFR 47/16/97, 16 May) - Fear for safety / Fear of ill-treatment / Fear of arbitrary arrest / Possible extrajudicial execution / Possible prisoner of conscience

RWANDAAmiel Nkuriza, journalist

Amiel Nkuriza is still in prison in Kigali. Further investigations into the accusations against him are reportedly being carried out by the judicial authorities.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue sending faxes/express/airmail letters in French/English or in your own language:

- seeking assurances that Amiel Nkuriza is being treated humanely, that his physical safety will be guaranteed and that he is given access to his family, medical assistance and legal counsel at all times;
- calling for Amiel Nkuriza to be promptly charged with a recognizable criminal offence or unconditionally released;
- seeking assurances that Amiel Nkuriza has not been arrested solely for the non-violent expression of his opinions.

APPEALS TO:

Prime Minister

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Salutation: Monsieur le Premier Ministre / Dear Prime Minister

Minister of Information

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Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Dear Minister

Director of Rwandese Information Office

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Minister of Interior

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Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Dear Minister

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Vice-President/Minister of Defence

Général Major Paul Kagame

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and to diplomatic representatives of Rwanda accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 August 1997.