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Further information on UA 59/94 (AFR 53/12/94, 17 February 1994) - and follow-up: AFR 53/13/94, 18 February 1994 - Legal concern/Fear of torture/Prisoners of conscience

SOUTH AFRICA: Nathaniel NGAKANSTI, Executive member, African National (BOPHUTHATSWANA) Congress (ANC), Mafikeng Branch  
Mr MODISE, cameraman for Bophuthatswana Television (Bop-TV)

Pinky MOKOTO, Executive member, ANC Tlhabologo branch  
Paba NGOGANEDIWE, Executive member, ANC Mafikeng Branch

and other members of a crowd whose names are not known to Amnesty International

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Nathaniel Ngakantsi was released on 18 February 1994 on Rand100 bail. He was charged with attending an "illegal gathering" under the terms of Bophuthatswana's Internal Security Act.

Pinky Mokoto and Paba Ngoganediwe were released uncharged on 18 February. Amnesty International has not received any reports that they were assaulted in custody. It is believed that Mr Modise was also released uncharged on, or shortly after, 18 February.

A fifth man who was also arrested during the demonstration on 18 February was detained overnight and released uncharged on 19 February.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send one further round of telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or in your own language:**

- noting the releases of Nathaniel Ngakantsi, Mr Modise, Pinky Mokoto, Paba Ngoganediwe on 18 February 1994 and a fifth man on 19 February;
- calling upon the authorities to conduct an urgent, thorough and impartial investigation into the unprovoked assaults by Bophuthatswana Police officers on peaceful demonstrators and members of the general public in Mafikeng on 18 February 1994;
- expressing concern at the continued pattern of human rights violations committed against non-violent political activists in Bophuthatswana, apparently because of their involvement in activities related to the 1994 South African elections;
- urging the authorities to take immediate steps to ensure that the Bophuthatswana "homeland" police commit themselves to respecting the United Nations Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials adopted in 1990, which restricts the use of force and firearms against non-violent demonstrators, even if the demonstration is illegal.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) Chief L M Mangope  
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Government Offices  
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**Telegrams: President Mangope, Bophuthatswana, South Africa**

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**Salutation: Dear President Chief Mangope**

2) Major-General P J Seleke

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**Salutation: Dear Major General**

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

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- Lawyers for Human Rights, Mafikeng Regional Office, PO Box 945, Mafikeng 8670, South Africa;

- Mafikeng Anti-Repression Forum (MAREF), PO Box 158, Ratshidi 8681, South Africa;

- The Editor, Sowetan, PO Box 6663, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa;

and to diplomatic representatives of South Africa accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 6th April 1994.