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Further information on EXTRA 150/95 (AFR 62/09/95, 27 November 1995) - Arbitrary detention / Fear of ill-treatment

ZAIRE                    Batabiha BUSHOKI, secretary general of a Zairean non-  
                                 governmental organization  
                                 Prosper KAKOY  
                                 Maître Live Rive PALUKU

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Batabiha Bushoki was released on 29 November 1995, following local and international protests at his detention. Although the order for his release was reportedly given on 25 November, Batabiha Bushoki was detained for a further five days before being released. During this time he was reportedly transferred from a military camp run by the *Service d'action et de renseignements militaires (SARM)*, Military Action and Intelligence Service, to a detention centre run by the *Service national d'intelligence et de protection (SNIP)*, National Intelligence and Protection Service.

On 25 November the local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Goma are reported to have called for a *ville morte* day (a "dead city" day of protest in which people are asked to close their businesses and stay at home) during which Balumi Hangi, a money changer, was reportedly arrested and held in custody for handing out leaflets calling for the *ville morte*. The military also shut down Radio Star (a local independent radio station) after they had read out a communique calling for the *ville morte*. Amnesty International is currently investigating the arrest of Balumi Hangi.

For the present time no further action is required on this case. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Batabiha Bushoki, Prosper Kakoy and Maître Live Rive Paluku.