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**Further information on UA 159/02 (AFR 62/008/2002, 30 May 2002 and AFR 62/010/2002, 13 June 2002)Fear of torture or ill-treatment/Medical Concern/Fear of “disappearance”**

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO/Zélate FARINI LUENDO SHANDWE (m)  
RWANDASimon SALUMU (m)  
Djento MAHUNGU (m) - released**

**New names:Elias NGURU (m)  
Janvier MUGERANGABO (m)  
Alphonse MUNANIRA (m)  
Mathe SIKULI (m), 41 years old**

While Djento Mahungu was released without *charge* on 13 June, the other six people named above are being held in detention in harsh conditions. Amnesty International therefore remains concerned for their safety.

Zélate Farini Luendo Shandwe and Elias Nguru are being held in incommunicado detention in a metal freight container at Ndosho, near the city of Goma. Conditions in the container constitute cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. The container, which is approximately two metres high and six metres long, is being used as a detention centre by the Rwandese Patriotic Army (RPA) and allied forces of the *Rassemblement congolais pour la démocratie - Goma* (RCD-Goma), Congolese Rally for Democracy.

Witnesses report that two detainees at the Ndosho detention centre “disappeared” in July. One of the detainees was allegedly executed and the other transferred to a detention center in Rwanda. Zélate Farini Luendo Shandwe and Elias Nguru have reportedly been threatened with “disappearance” themselves.

Amnesty International is also concerned for Simon Salumu, Janvier Mugerangabo, Alphonse Munanira and Mathe Sikuli who are currently detained at the *Direction générale de sécurité* (DSG), General Directorate for Security, in Goma. They have been refused access to their families and to local human rights activists and they are also held in harsh conditions.

Simon Salumu was arrested on 29 May by RPA soldiers. He has reportedly been accused of being involved with an armed political group, the *mayi-mayi*, opposed to the RCD-Goma and to the Rwandese presence in the region. He is also accused of participation in the March 2002 grenade attack in Goma. Simon Salumu was badly beaten at the time of his arrest, and Amnesty International believes that he may be in urgent need of medical attention.

Janvier Mugerangabo, was arrested on 16 May. He worked at a missionary college in

Bukavu. After his arrest, he was first taken by boat to Goma and then transferred several times from one detention centre to another. He has reportedly been accused of involvement with the *mayi-mayi*. Alphonse Munanira was arrested on 25 May in Bukavu. He was also accused of involvement with the *mayi-mayi*. Mathe Sikuli was arrested on 29 May. He worked as an accountant for a Goma medical centre. He has reportedly been accused of links to the Kabila government while he was travelling in Nairobi, Kenya.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals in English or French or in your own language:**

- welcoming the release of Djento Mahungu;
- expressing concern for the safety of Zélote Farini Luendo Shandwe and Elias Nguru detained by Rwandese and RCD-Goma forces in a metal freight container at Ndosho, near Goma, and calling on the authorities to guarantee they will not be ill-treated or harmed through poor conditions of detention or that they will “disappear”;
- calling for an immediate end to detentions in the container at Ndosho and the transfer of those held there to locations where conditions are humane and do not endanger the lives of detainees;
- calling for all detainees mentioned above, especially Simon Salumu who was reportedly severely ill-treated at the time of his arrest, to be provided with immediate medical care and an adequate diet;
- calling for all detainees to be given immediate access to humanitarian and human rights organizations and to visits by family members and legal representatives;
- calling for assurances that all detainees will be protected from ill-treatment or torture while in detention;
- calling for clarification of the charges and supporting evidence against all six men and calling for them to be brought promptly before an independent, impartial and competent civilian judicial authority.

**APPEALS TO :**

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**Salutation: Dear Chef du Département**

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