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Further information on EXTRA 112/97 (AFR 62/24/97, 13 August 1997) - Torture / Fear of torture

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC) Bertin Lukanda, human rights activist  
Diomba Ramazani, NGO worker

**New Name: Asumani Dieudonné, NGO worker.**

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On 14 August 1997, Asumani Dieudonné, an administrative secretary in the office of The *Conseil régional des organisations non-gouvernementales* (CRONG), Regional Council of Non-governmental Organizations, was reportedly arrested by soldiers.

Asumani Dieudonné is accused of having sent information to the international community concerning the arrest of his colleagues in the organization, Bertin Lukanda and Diomba Ramazani. He is believed to be held in Lwama military camp.

There is no further information on the cases of Bertin Lukanda and Diomba Ramazani.

**Please continue action as specified in original EXTRA. In addition please send telegrams/express/airmail letters in French or English or in your own language:**

- expressing concern at the reported arrest of Asumani Dieudonné and requesting that if he is not charged with a recognizable criminal offence he be released immediately;
- pointing out that Asumani Dieudonné is a prisoner of conscience if he was arrested solely because he revealed information about the arrest of his colleagues and he should be released immediately;
- seeking assurances that he is protected from ill-treatment or torture.

**APPEALS TO:**

Please continue sending appeals to the same addresses listed in original EXTRA.

and to diplomatic representatives of Democratic Republic of Congo accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 26 September 1997.