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Fear of Torture/Disappearance/Extrajudicial Execution

HAITI:

Adelin TÉLÉMAQUE, 27

Amnesty International is seriously concerned at the reported arrest and subsequent beating of Adelin Télémaque in the Delmas 6 district of Port-au-Prince on 15 November 1991 by members of the armed forces. Amnesty International is concerned that he may be extrajudicially executed in custody.

At approximately 10pm on 15 November 1991, a military street patrol, from the *Service de la circulation* (traffic division), surprised Adelin Télémaque as he was writing "*Vive Titid*" ("Long-live Titid" - Titid is a nickname for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, ousted in a military coup on 30 September 1991), on a wall in his neighbourhood of Delmas 6. The army shot at him and then followed him on foot, when he ran away. They finally caught up with him and began beating him severely according to witnesses. He was then taken away.

On 17 November 1991, his parents made enquiries with the traffic division of the armed forces. They reportedly mocked them and said that he was not being held there. The traffic division suggested the parents try the 4th Company of the Police, known as the *Cafétéria*, who denied holding him. When Adelin Télémaque's parents returned to the traffic division the officers there suggested they look for their son at the *Pénitencier National* (National Penitentiary), but the National Penitentiary also denied holding him. The parents returned again to the traffic division of the armed forces, who this time reportedly suggested that their son may have been executed and they should look for his body. Amnesty International is concerned that Adelin Télémaque may have been extrajudicially executed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Troops overthrew the democratically elected government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who took office in Haiti on 7 February 1991, in a coup on Monday 30 September 1991. Since then Amnesty International has learned of widespread human rights violations committed by the security forces, including a large number of extrajudicial executions, beatings and mass arrests without warrant. Many of the victims included supporters of President Aristide and members and leaders of grassroots organizations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- expressing concern at the arrest and beating of Adelin Télémaque by members of the traffic division of the armed forces;
- expressing concern at the reported suggestion by the armed forces that he may have been extrajudicially executed in custody;
- asking that the authorities establish his fate and whereabouts immediately and that if detained his physical integrity be guaranteed.

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