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Further information on UA 51/95 (AFR 24/01/95, 28 February 1995) - Torture/fear of torture

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Severo Moto Nsá, President of the Progress Party (PPGE)

Tomás Eló, leading member of the PPGE

José Ndong Masuela, leading member of the PPGE

Agapito Ona, Secretary General of the PPGE

Former Lt. Col. Pedro Esono Masié, retired

Commander Leoncio Miká

and an undetermined number of military officers

Pablo Ndong Nsema, leading member of the PPGE

Manuel Ndong Asayong, leading member of the PPGE

Indalecio Abuy, human rights worker

New names:

Pedro Mesa Mba, soldier

Federico Ona Nsong, rank not known

Joaquín Nsi Okará, sergeant

Acacio Ovono Ndong, soldier

Sergeant Lucas (other names not known)

Evaristo Pascual Asumu, rank not known

Rufino Ntutumu Abago, rank not known

Ramón Ndong Mikó, navy lieutenant

Eulogio Ndong Mesí, rank not known

Juan Mba Bikoro, rank unknown

Benito Mesa, rank unknown

José Carlos (other names not known), former air
force captain

Feliciano Mangue Bikoro, navy officer

Amnesty International has received the names of some of the military officers arrested around 20 February 1995 in connection with the alleged attempt to overthrow the government. All but one of the new names were arrested in Bata: Rufino Ntutumu Abago was arrested in Malabo but was taken to Bata where he is being held. All the military detainees and Agapito Ona are being held incommunicado within the Presidential Palace grounds in Bata. The Presidential Palace is in an isolated part of town not easily accessible to the public.

Amnesty International has also learned that Severo Moto Nsá and Tomás Eló were tried between 2 and 6 March 1995 in Malabo. Both men were convicted of corruption. Severo Moto was also convicted of insulting the Head of State and was sentenced to two and a half years in prison and to pay a fine of 50 million Cfa (Central Africa Franc, equivalent to US \$50,000). Tomás Eló was sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment. Their trial was unfair in that the defence counsel was not allowed to call certain witnesses and the prosecution failed to present evidence to support the charges against the two men.

Amnesty International is concerned that, immediately after the sentences were passed, Severo Moto Nsá was taken to Blackbeach prison in Malabo instead of being placed under house arrest until his appeal is due to be heard. Tomás Eló was also returned to Blackbeach prison after sentencing. Both men are now

being held incommunicado.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in Spanish, French or in your own language:

- expressing concern about reports that Severo Moto Nsá and Tomás Eló are being held incommunicado;
- urging that they be immediately allowed to receive visits from their relatives, lawyers and medical personnel;
- seeking guarantees that Severo Moto Nsá, Tomás Eló and all the other detainees are being humanely treated in accordance with international standards;
- expressing concern that the trial of Severo Moto Nsá and Tomás Eló did not conform to international standards of fairness.

APPEALS TO:

1) President

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