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**Further information on UA 287/93 (AFR 24/10/93, 24 August 1993) - Death in custody/torture**

**EQUATORIAL GUINEA: Pedro Motu Mamiaga, political activist  
Miguel Nseng Bacale, army sergeant (note corrected name)**

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Amnesty International has received reports that Miguel Nseng Bacale, who was previously reported to be in a coma as a result of torture, has now died. These new reports also suggest that two other detainees may also have died as a result of torture over the last five days. Amnesty International is seeking clarification of these reports.

The authorities have not released any further details about the death of either Pedro Motu Mamiaga or Miguel Nseng Bacale. According to reports, the bodies of the deceased have not been returned to their families.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The arrests which began towards the end of last week are continuing. The reasons for the arrests are still not clear. The authorities are reported to have accused Pedro Motu Mamiaga of attempting to break into an arsenal, apparently in order to steal weapons with which to start a rebellion. However, they have produced no details or any evidence at all to support their claims. On several occasions in the past similar claims have been made in an attempt to justify the arrest of real or suspected political opponents.

In a new development, the authorities announced that elections would be held on 21 November 1993. When elections were originally set for September 1993, opposition groups announced that they would not participate because, among other things, the electoral law severely restricted their freedom to campaign. Some opposition groups believe that the current wave of arrests is an attempt to intimidate those who were planning to boycott the elections.

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

- expressing concern about reports that Miguel Nseng Bacale, who was in a coma as a result of torture, has died;

- expressing concern about the reported death in custody of Pedro Motu Mamiaga, apparently as a result of torture, and inquiring about reports that two more detainees have died as a result of torture;

- expressing concern about reports that the bodies of the deceased were not returned to their families;

- demanding a full and public judicial inquiry into these deaths - international standards require that a judicial inquiry should be held "whenever the death ... of a detained or imprisoned person occurs during his detention or imprisonment" (United Nations Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment - 1988);

- asking that reports of torture are thoroughly investigated, the results made public and those responsible be brought to justice.

**APPEALS TO**

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