

13 June 2002

Further information on UA 84/02 (AFR 24/001/2002, 19 March 2002) and follow-ups (AFR 24/002/2002, 28 March 2002; AFR 24/008/2002, 7 June 2002) - fear of torture/possible prisoners of conscience/death penalty

EQUATORIAL GUINEA
Felipe Ondo Obiang (m)
Guillermo Nguma Elá (m)
Lt. Col. Lorenzo Ondó Elá (m)
Domingo Nfá Nvé (m)
Benito Ntutumu Eyene (m)
Donato Ondó Ondó (m)
Angel Ovono Akumbega (m)
Juan Mbá Esono (m)
Primo Micha Obiang (m)
Mariano Ekua Sima (m)
Pablo Nguema Mba (m)
Melchor Ndong Modu (m)
Ángel Ovono Akumbega (m)
Five others

Sixty-eight people, including all those listed above, were sentenced to prison terms of up to 20 years on 9 June, after being convicted in a grossly unfair trial of plotting to kill President Teodoro Obiang Nguema, and related charges. Seventy-seven others were acquitted.

Amnesty International welcomes the fact that none of the defendants were sentenced to death, even though the prosecution had called for the death penalty to be imposed on 18 of them.

Felipe Ondó Obiang, Donato Ondó Ondó, Primo Micha Obiang, Pablo Nguema Mbá and eight others were sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

Guillermo Nguema Elá, Angel Ovono Akumbega and Mariano Ekua Sima were sentenced to 14 years and eight months in jail, as were César Elá Ondó, Emilio Ndong Biyogo, Pedro Alogo Monsuy and Juan Ovono Obiang (named in the original UA). Domingo Nfa Nve, Benito Ntutumu Eyegue, Lt Col Lorenzo Ondó Elá and Melchor Ndong Mondu were sentenced to six years and eight months in prison.

Many thanks to all those who took action on this case. If possible, please send a final round of appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Spanish, English or your own language:

- welcoming the fact that none of the defendants was sentenced to death;
- expressing concern that the trial was unfair and that most defendants stated in court that they had been tortured but the court ignored their complaints;
- asking the authorities to ensure that all those imprisoned are protected from ill-treatment and torture, and given regular access to their families and lawyers.

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