

EXTERNAL

AI Index: AFR 29/01/96

30 January 1996

Further information on EXTRA 96/95 (AFR 29/04/95, 22 August 1995) - Death Penalty

GUINEA Tamba Toundoufédounou alias Mathias Lénaud
 Denka Mansaré
 Ibrahima Bangoura alias Végas
 Mohamed Cissé alias Ando III
 Djibril Koly Koné alias Zizi

On 25 January 1996, the Court of Cassation (*Cours de Cassation*) confirmed the death sentences imposed on the five men named above. Amnesty International fears that their execution, by firing squad, may be imminent.

The government announced in late 1994 that it would be taking a strong stance against rising crime, including armed robbery, and in December 1994, a government spokesman announced that the death penalty was provided for in the Penal Code and would henceforth be enforced against armed robbers and those found guilty of murder. President Lansana Conté is reported to have already stated that he does not intend to grant clemency in these cases.

On 8 August 1994 Tamba Toundoufédounou, Denka Mansaré, Ibrahima Bangoura, Mohamed Cissé and Djibril Koly Koné were sentenced to death by an Assizes court after being convicted of charges of murder, armed robbery, criminal association, attempted murder, and complicity in murder.

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

- expressing deep concern at the confirmation of the death sentences on the five men (give names);
- urgently appealing that no executions be carried out, and urging President Lansana Conté to exercise clemency and to commute these five death sentences;
- stating that Amnesty International, while not condoning the crimes for which the prisoners were convicted, is unconditionally opposed to the death penalty in all cases on the grounds that it is a cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment which violates the right to life and which is shown to have no deterrent effect.

APPEALS TO:

President Lansana CONTÉ
Président de la République
Conakry
Republic of Guinea
Faxes: + 224-41-1621/1623/1673
Telexes: 623
Telegrams: Président Lansana Conte, Conakry, Guinea
Salutation: Monsieur le Président/Dear President

COPIES TO:

Minister of Interior and Security
Mr. Alseny René GOMEZ
Ministre de l'intérieur et de la Sécurité
Ministère de l'intérieur et de la Sécurité
Conakry
Republic of Guinea

Minister of Justice
Monsieur Salifou SYLLA
Ministre de la Justice
Ministère de la Justice
Conakry
Republic of Guinea

Public Prosecutor
Procureur de la République
C/O Palais de Justice
Conakry
Republic of Guinea

L'Indépendant, BP 242, CONAKRY, Republic of Guinea
Fax : 224 41 43 19

Le Lynx, BP 4968, CONAKRY, Republic of Guinea
Fax : 224 41 23 85

HOROYA, BP 341/191, CONAKRY, Republic of Guinea

and to diplomatic representatives of Guinea accredited to your country

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 March 1996.