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Further information on UA 91/96 (AFR 47/04/96, 2 April 1996) - Fear for safety / Fear of ill-treatment

RWANDA Joseph Ruyenzi, journalist, in his 30s

Amnesty International is gravely concerned about recent reports that Joseph Ruyenzi has been led away from Kigali Central Prison on several occasions by a military officer and taken to an unknown destination. There are reports that he has been tortured there.

Information received by Amnesty International indicates that Joseph Ruyenzi was arrested on suspicion of involvement in acts of rape and murder during the genocide of 1994. However, other information suggests that this may simply have been used as a pretext for his arrest.

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

- asking for information on the charges against Joseph Ruyenzi;
- asking for confirmation of his whereabouts and assurances that he is not being ill-treated or tortured and has access to legal advice;
- calling for his immediate and unconditional release if he is not to be charged with a recognizable criminal offence.

APPEALS TO:

Monsieur Jean-Pierre BIZIMANA
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Ministère de l'Information
BP 83, Kigali, Rwanda
Telegrams: Ministre de l'Information, Kigali, Rwanda
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Telegrams: Ministre de l'Intérieur, Kigali, Rwanda
Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre/Dear Minister

Madame Marthe MUKAMURENZI
Ministre de la Justice
Ministère de la Justice
BP 160, Kigali, Rwanda
Telegrams: Ministre de la Justice, Kigali, Rwanda
Salutation: Madame le Ministre/Dear Minister

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and to diplomatic representatives of Rwanda accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 6 June 1996