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Further information on UA 17/98 (AFR 47/03/98, 19 January 1998) - Fear of executions

RWANDA Gaspard Mutabazi, sergeant in the Rwandese Patriotic Army

(RPA) (executed)

Mfizi Muhirwa, RPA soldier

Isidore Bishogo, RPA soldier Ernest Gakire, RPA soldier Kami Mutangana, RPA soldier

New name: Emmanuel Rutayisire, soldier (executed)

Fears of further executions in Rwanda have been heightened following reports of a second summary execution of a soldier of the Rwandese Patriotic Army (RPA).

RPA soldier Emmanuel Rutayisire was executed in public in a stadium in the northwestern town of Gisenyi on 29 January 1998. He was accused of killing Wilson Ndayambaje - a second lieutenant in the RPA who had worked for the national information office known as ORINFOR - the previous day. The summary and public execution of Emmanuel Rutayisire was reportedly ordered by local military authorities and took place in circumstances similar to those of the execution of Gaspard Mutabazi in Ruhengeri on 17 January (see Urgent Action 17/98).

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

- deploring the summary and extrajudicial executions of Emmanuel Rutayisire in Gisenyi on 29 January 1998 and Gaspard Mutabazi in Ruhengeri on 17 January; appealing for immediate measures to be taken at the highest level to prevent any further summary executions;
- explaining Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty in all circumstances as a state-sanctioned violation of the right to life;
- stressing the gravity of the above cases in view of the fact that the two men were reportedly executed in public and without any form of judicial procedure;
- agreeing that those found responsible for recognizably criminal offences should be brought to justice, but calling for proper judicial procedures to be respected and for the courts to impose punishments which safeguard the physical integrity of all persons.

## APPEALS TO:

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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 17 March 1998.