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Alexandre ADECAMBI, hotel manager
Claude AMOUZOU
Tchao Kodjo Ange MABOUDOU, businessman
Wilson ADJE, restaurant manager
Lambert KOFFI, hotel manager
Epiphane KAVEGUE, radio engineer
Pierre BAKELA, soldier
and up to five others

Amnesty International has learned that nine men, thought to include those named above, were brought to trial before the magistrates court (*tribunal correctionnel*) in Lomé on 12 May 1995 on charges of illegally importing arms and ammunition (*importation et detention illégale d'armes, munitions et matériels de guerre*) and criminal association (*groupement de malfaiteurs*). They were found guilty and sentenced to between three and five years' imprisonment. According to reports they were represented by a team of six defence lawyers.

Amnesty International is investigating whether their trial conformed to international standards for fair trial and is trying to establish the circumstances of their pre-trial detention and whether any evidence used during their trial may have been obtained as a result of torture.

No further action is requested. Many thanks to those who sent appeals.