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HAITI            Samuel MILORD

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Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of Samuel Milord, a deputy of the *Front National pour le Changement et la Démocratie*, (FNCD), National Front for Change and Democracy, the party coalition that supports President Aristide.

According to reports, he was taken away from his home in the area of Desdunes, department of Artibonite, on the evening of 20 October 1993 by a group of *attachés* (armed auxiliaries to the security forces). His family subsequently made enquiries at the local prison but the authorities denied any knowledge of his detention.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Recent weeks have seen an upsurge in human rights violations in Haiti, particularly in the capital, Port-au-Prince. On 14 October Justice Minister Guy Malary, his driver and a bodyguard (some sources say two bodyguards) were shot dead by armed men. This was the latest in a series of violent attacks on President Aristide's supporters which are clearly aimed at blocking or destabilising his return to power. On 3 July 1993 President Aristide and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, General Raoul Cédras, signed an agreement for the return to office of President Aristide on 30 October. According to reports, at least 100 people have been killed since the agreement was signed. The abuses have reportedly been carried out by military and police as well as by *attachés*, armed civilian auxiliaries to the security forces. Indeed, it is widely believed that Police Chief Michel François himself is orchestrating the killings. Armed Forces General, Raoul Cédras, was due to resign on 15 October, but did not do so.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in French or English or in your own language, or call by telephone:

- expressing concern for the safety of Samuel Milord;
- asking that he be immediately released or brought promptly before a competent court;
- urging that if in detention, he be humanely treated and granted access to a lawyer, doctor and relatives.

#### APPEALS TO

1. Military commander of the Armed Forces:

Monsieur le Générale Raoul CEDRAS  
 Commandant-en-Chef des Forces Armées d'Haiti  
 Grand Quartier Général des Forces Armées d'Haiti  
 Rue Geffrard  
 Port-au-Prince, Haiti

**Telegrams: Commandant-en-Chef des Armées d'Haiti Cedras, Port-au-Prince,  
 Haiti**

**Telephone: + 509 22 3935**

**Telexes: 20391 gqfadh**

**Faxes: + 509 23 9007, + 509 23 9407**

**Salutation: Monsieur le Général / Dear General**

2. Chief of National Police:

Monsieur le Lt.Colonel Michel FRANÇOIS  
 Chef de la Police Nationale  
 Grand Quartier Général de la Police  
 Port-au-Prince, Haiti

**Telegrams: Chef, Police Nationale, Port-au-Prince, Haiti**

**Salutation: Monsieur le Lt. Colonel / Dear Lt. Colonel**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Human Rights Organizations:

Centre Oecuménique des  
 Droits de l'Homme  
 4 rue des Marguerites  
 Turgeau, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Haiti Solidarité Internationale (HSI)  
 34 Rue Charles Summer  
 Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Newspaper (weekly):

Haiti en Marche  
 173 N.W. 94 St.  
 Miami  
 FL 33150, USA

Radio:

Radio Caraïbes  
 23 ruelle Chavannes  
 Port-au-Prince, HAITI

and to diplomatic representatives of Haiti accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
 or your section office, if sending appeals after 3 December 1993.