

URGENT ACTION

UGANDAN POLITICAL ACTIVIST AT RISK OF TORTURE

Ugandan political activist Sam Mugumya is detained incommunicado by the army in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The Ugandan government have accused him of planning a rebellion against them. He is at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

Sam Mugumya, a Ugandan national, is a member of the Ugandan opposition party Forum for Democratic Change (FDC). He is believed to have been arrested in late October at the DRC–Uganda border, together with four other Ugandans.

A high-ranking Congolese military officer has confirmed that Sam Mugumya is in DRC custody, as reported in the Ugandan media on 13 November 2014, but his family and political party do not know where he is. The Ugandan army spokesperson told journalists on 31 October 2014 that the Ugandan authorities were working with their Congolese counterparts to extradite Sam Mugumya to Uganda.

Sam Mugumya is detained incommunicado at an unknown location. This puts him at increased risk of torture and other ill-treatment, which are frequently used in DRC to extract confessions.

Please write immediately in French or your own language:

- Calling on the authorities to reveal where Samuel Mugumya is detained and ensure that he has full and immediate access to legal assistance, his family, any medical attention he may require and consular representation;
- Asking them to ensure that Samuel Mugumya is either charged in a court of law or released;
- Urging them to guarantee Sam Mugumya will not be subjected to torture or other ill-treatment.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 1 JANUARY 2015 TO:

Minister of Justice and Human Rights

Wivine Mumba Matipa
Ministry of Justice and Human Rights,
P.O Box 3137, Kinshasa/Gombe.
DRC

Email: minijustdh@gmail.com

minijustdh@gmail.com

Fax: +243 8805521

Salutation: Dear Minister

Attorney General

Flory Kabange Numbi
Office of the Attorney General
P.O.Box 7016 Kinshasa 1
Kinshasa, DRC

Email: pgr_rdc@yahoo.fr

pgr_rdcongo15@yahoo.com

Salutation: Dear Attorney General

And copies to:

Prime Minister

His Excellency Augustin Matata Ponyo
Office of the Prime Minister,
5, avenue Roi Baudoin
Kinshasa/Gombe, DRC.

Email: contact@primature.cd

primaturerdc@yahoo.fr

cabinet@primature.cd

Salutation: His Excellency

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

Name Address 1 Address 2 Address 3 Fax Fax number Email Email address Salutation Salutation

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sam Mugumya is a Ugandan political activist. Born in 1979, he started political activism when he was a student of political science at Makerere University, where he served as the Secretary General of the Youth League of the FDC. He later became the personal assistant to former FDC president Dr Kizza Besigye.

He has been arrested and detained without charge several times by the police. In 2011, when the lobby group Activists for Change called on people to walk to work instead of using motor vehicles, in protest against the rising prices of fuel and other essential commodities, he was arrested and charged with treason for taking part in that protest. He was remanded in prison for two months. The treason charge was later dismissed by the Chief Magistrates Court.

Name: Sam Mugumya

Gender m/f: m

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