

URGENT ACTION

SIX SOLDIERS RELEASED, FOUR STILL HELD

Six of the soldiers held without charge in Guinea were released in January and February. The four still detained remain at risk of torture or other ill-treatment.

Commander Issiaka Camara, Sub-Lieutenant Alpha Oumar Diallo and Sub-Lieutenant Hassiniou Pendessa were released without charge on 25 January, after more than a year in custody. **Captain Mamadou Bah Syllah, Captain Lansinet Keita and Lieutenant Ibrahima Kadja Barry** were released on 18 February. One of them was seriously injured in custody, and has been left with sight and hearing problems. Another of those who was detained has pain in his knees from not being able to leave his cell. When the three men were released in January, the authorities told them to accept their fate, because *ce qui est fait, est fait* ("what's done is done").

The remaining four (**Colonel Soryba Yansané, Lieutenant Colonel David Syllah, Commander Pathio Bangourah and Sergeant Moussa Sylla**) were moved in December 2009 to a police detention centre in Conakry, run by the Ministry of Interior. They are allowed visits from their families and lawyers, but have not been charged with any offence.

PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY in French or your own language:

- Urging the authorities to release Colonel Soryba Yansané, Lieutenant Colonel David Syllah, Commander Pathio Bangourah and Sergeant Moussa Sylla immediately, or else charge them with a recognizably criminal offence;
- Urging them to ensure that the men continue to have access to their families, lawyers and any medical treatment they may require;
- Calling on them to guarantee that the four men will not be tortured or otherwise ill-treated.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 20 APRIL 2010 TO:

General Mamadouba Toto Camara
Minister of Security and Civilian
Protection
Ministry of Security and Civilian
Protection
P.O. Box 5075
Conakry
Republic of Guinea

**Salutation: Dear Minister/
Monsieur le Ministre**

General Sekouba Konate
Interim President
The Presidency
Conakry
Republic of Guinea

**Salutation: Dear President/
Monsieur le Président**

Commandant Siba Loalamou
Minister of Justice and Keeper of the
Seals
Ministry of Justice
P.O. Box 564
Conakry
Republic of Guinea

**Salutation: Dear Minister/
Monsieur le Ministre**

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date. This is the fourth update of UA 204/09 (AFR 29/001/2009). Further information: www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR29/001/2009/en, www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR29/002/2009/en, www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR29/003/2009/en, www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR29/005/2009/en.

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