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**Fear for safety / Incommunicado detention/
Fear of torture or ill-treatment / medical concern**

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UGANDA

**Dan Mugarura (m), approximately aged 45, Retired Army Lieutenant
Pascal Gakyaro (m), aged 50, Civil Aviation Authority supervisor**

Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of the two men named above. They are being held in incommunicado detention at an unknown location and are at risk of torture or ill treatment.

Dan Mugarura was arrested without a warrant, on 8 January at his home in the capital Kampala by armed security agents in civilian clothes. The security personnel who arrested him claimed they were taking him to Central Police Station in Kampala. However, his current location is unknown and the authorities will not tell his wife where he is being held. He reportedly suffers from high blood pressure, which requires constant medication.

Pascal Gakyaro was arrested on 12 January at his home in Kajjansi, near Kampala, by armed security agents, allegedly from the Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence (CMI). Some officers from the Criminal Investigation Department and the President's office were among those who signed a certificate authorizing a search of Pascal Gakyaro's home following his arrest. However, the Ugandan authorities approached by his family have denied his arrest and detention.

Both men are supporters of the Reform Agenda, an opposition political group. Pascal Gakyaro was a supporter of the exiled former presidential candidate, retired Colonel Kizza Besigye in the 2001 elections. He reportedly provided logistical support to Kizza Besigye during the election campaign.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Amnesty International is concerned about increasing incidents of harassment, arrest and incommunicado detention of opposition supporters. Between 7 and 12 January 2003, six other Reform Agenda supporters were arrested and detained in similar circumstances, although they have since been given access to their families and lawyers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- expressing concern for the safety of Dan Mugarura and Pascal Gakyaro;
- urging the authorities to make public the whereabouts of Dan Mugarura and Pascal Gakyaro, and to ensure that they will not be tortured or ill-treated;
- calling on the authorities to guarantee that Pascal Gakyaro and the Dan Mugarura will have access to relatives, lawyers and appropriate medical treatment;
- urging the authorities to end the harassment and unlawful arrests of those perceived to be government critics.

APPEALS TO:

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COPIES TO: Diplomatic representatives of Uganda accredited to your country.

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