

EQUATORIAL GUINEA MUST IMMEDIATELY RELEASE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER ANACLETO MICHA AND OTHERS ARRESTED WITHOUT CHARGE.

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Douala-Malabo October 13, 2022 : The Network of Human Rights Defenders in Central Africa (REDHAC) and its coalition - country - Equatorial Guinea, deplore the arbitrary arrest and detention of Mr. ANACLETO Micha Ndong, member of civil society organizations and calls for their immediate release.



Reminder of the facts

On September 25, 2022, Mr. ANACLETO Micha Ndong was arrested and detained incommunicado at the central police station of Malabo, also known as "Guantánamo".

On the day of his arrest, Mr. ANACLETO Micha Ndong was bringing bags of food, water and medicine to members of the political party "Ciudadanos por la Innovación" (C.I.). More than a fortnight later, despite a petition for habeas corpus filed by the lawyers, this request has not been answered.

On October 11, he was transferred to the Black Beach prison without any formal charges being communicated to him or his lawyers.

"As has happened in the past and in other countries in the region, the security forces have launched a wave of repression designed to silence the population in the country in the run-up to local, parliamentary, and presidential elections in Equatorial Guinea," said Andrea Ngombet of the Sassoufit Collective.

On September 13, 2022, security forces arrested hip-hop artist Leoncio Prisco Eco Mba, known as "Adjoguening," and have since held him in Black Beach prison without access to his lawyer or family.

On September 16, 2022, police arrested Luis Nzo Ondo, Pablo Angüe Angono, and Claudio Nzé Ntutumu. They were later shown on national television accused of allegedly preparing a terrorist action.

From the above,

The Network of Human Rights Defenders in Central Africa (REDHAC) and its Country Coalition Equatorial Guinea :

- remain concerned about the increase in threats and reprisals against human rights defenders, lawyers and journalists, as well as acts of torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, arbitrary arrest and detention;



- Remain concerned about the current climate and the increasing deterioration of the situation of civilians, human rights defenders, journalists and activists in Equatorial Guinea;
- protest against the incommunicado detention of Mr. ANACLETO Micha Ndong and the other Human Rights Defenders incarcerated in Equatorial Guinea prisons;
- demand the immediate and unconditional release of Mr. ANACLETO Micha Ndong and the other activists arbitrarily detained in the prisons of Equatorial Guinea as soon as possible;
- recall that no legitimate claim by any party can justify human rights violations and abuses.

Also,

To the African Union (AU) via the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), to the United Nations (UN), REDHAC and its Coalition pays-Guinée Equatoriale recommend

- to demand from the State of Equatorial Guinea the immediate and unconditional release of Mr. ANACLETO Micha Ndong and other activists arbitrarily detained in prisons in Equatorial Guinea ;

To scrupulously respect :

- the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;
- the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG)
- the Guidelines on Conditions of Arrest, Police Custody and Pre-trial Detention in Africa;
- the Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression and the Press in Africa.

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