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From: The Secretay General  
HURCLED CENTRE -CAMEROON

To:

Amnesty International  
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1 Easton Street, London WC1X 8DJ  
United Kingdom.

Sirs,

Re: ARBITRARY ARREST, WRONGFUL DETENTION AND IMPENDING UNFAIR  
TRIAL OF EL HADJ SOULEYMANE AND PERSECUTION OF MEMBERS OF  
MBORORO SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

We are reliably informed that El Hadj Souleymane a Yaoundé based businessman and Provincial Co-ordinator of the Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA), was arbitrarily arrested by security forces from his residence in Yaoundé and transported to the Douala Judicial Division where he was detained at a Police cell for two days and thereafter transferred to the Douala Central Prison.

The detainee was arrested without warrant and has not yet been told what offence he has committed. He is therefore going to stand trial for a faked charge tomorrow Friday 12, March 1993.

We are equally reliably informed that his illegal arrest and detention and impending trial are all at the instance of one Alhadji BABA AHMADOU DANPULLO, a one time taxi driver who in the few years past has become one of the top tycoons of Cameroon. This wealthy muslim also has strong political connections in Cameroon being a member of the central committee (highest organ) of the ruling Cameroon "Peoples' Democratic" Movement (CPDM).

Alhadji BABA Ahmadou Danpullo's combination of wealth and political power coupled with his hatred for the Cattle Fulanis has turned him into a monstrous terror against this largely illiterate group of Fulanis locally known as Mbororos. BABA Ahmadou Danpullo uses his political connections and economic wealth which has put him above the law in Cameroon to perpetrate gross human rights abuses on the Mbororos. He has actually launched a war on the Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association through intimidation which he carries out with the tacit approval of Biya's government. He uses the police and gendarmerie forces as his private forces to arrest, detain, torture and imprison Mbororos unjustifiably. He seems to be adding the courts to the state institutions he has in his pocket. This explains why he arranges for people, like El Hadj Souleymane, to be arrested and then he shops for convenient forums for them to be tried.

We consider El Hadj Souleymane and his fellow Mbororos who are victims of Alhadji BABA AHMADOU DANPULLO, as *prisoners of conscience* for their real crimes are that they refuse to share the same political opinion with their assailant.

A comprehensive report is being prepared on Alhadji BABA AHMADOU DANPULLO as a major human rights violator who has covert approval of Biya's government.

AT THIS MOMENT we are soliciting URGENT ACTION against the atrocities of BABA AHMADOU DANPULLO particularly in the case of El Hadj SOULEYMANE who will be standing trial tomorrow as explained above.

The action we would like you to take is to contact individuals and human rights and humanitarian organisations to send URGENT PROTEST LETTERS by post and fax, telexes and telephone calls to Biya and all members of his government particularly Biya's Prime Minister ACHIDI ACHU, Forchivé Jean the Head of Biya's Political and Civil Police Departments, Douala MOUTOME Biya's Minister of "Justice", Charles Doumba the Secretary General of The Cameroon "Peoples' Democratic" Movement, The Governors of especially North West, Littoral and centre Provinces of Cameroon. We would like all the protest letters to be copied to all diplomatic missions in Cameroon, Newspapers and media houses in Cameroon, the Chairmen of National Human Rights Commission of Cameroon, MBOOSCUA P. O. Box 436, Bamenda Cameroon.

We also consider it appropriate and urgent that you equally take steps to issue *press releases* calling for a *Judicial Inquiry* into the allegations of human rights abuses being perpetrated on the Mbororos by Alhadji BABA AHMADOU DANPULLO with the tacit approval of the Government of Paul Biya. At our end we are arranging to collect testimonies from direct victims of abuses on which we can in future and with your assistance bring legal actions against the direct and covert violators.

Our Organisation is sending a Lawyer to Douala to participate in the defence of El Hadj Souleymane and you shall be briefed on the outcome of the hearing.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

  
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