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FROM ABDUL

FOLLOWING IS THE MESSAGE I RECEIVED WHICH I HAVE NOT GIVEN IT TO ANYONE

IN NIGERIA YET SO AFTER YOU HAVE IT PLEASE DECIDE AS TO WHETHER

ANY OF THE ORGANISATIONS ETC NEED TO SEE IT AND PERHAPS GET

ROME PRESS COVERAGE IF YOU NEED MORE DETAILS PLEASE CALL IDAF.

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THANKS FOR ALL YOU

UPDATE ON EXECUTIONS

NEWS HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT MORE EXECUTIONS ARE TAKING PLACE IN SOUTH

AFRICA DURING THE COMING WEEK. AMONG THOSE DUE TO BE EXECUTED IS PAUL

TEFO BETLABA (23) WHO IS ONE OF THOSE WHO HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH

AS A RESULT OF A POLITICAL TRIAL. THE TRIAL AROSE OUT OF THE DEATH OF

A SUSPECTED POLICE INFORMER IN COLESBERG IN OCTOBER 1985 AT THE -

HEIGHT OF INTENSE POLICE REPRESSION OF A CONSUMER BOYCOTT.

BETLABA HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN DECEMBER 1985. HE WAS ORIGINALLY

DUE TO BE EXECUTED IN JUNE 1988 BUT WAS GRANTED A STAY OF EXECUTION .

TO PETITION THE STATE PRESIDENT FOR CLEMENCY. IT HAS REPORTED TODAY

THAT THE PETITION HAD NOT SUCCEEDED AND THAT HE IS DUE TO BE EXECUTED

ON THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LITIGATIONS IN PROGRESS

IN WHICH THE POLICE ARE BEING SUED FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST COLESBERG

RESIDENTS AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT FOR WHICH BETLABA HAS BEEN

SENTENCED TO DEATH. ONE CASE HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN THE COURT

AWARDING DAMAGES AGAINST THE POLICE. '

A DOCUMENT GIVING FURTHER DETAILS OF THE CASE HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN

JUNE; COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE.

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