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THE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED DETENTION OF VICTOIRE INGABIRE STILL GOING ON.

TODAY IS HER 7th DAY IN JAIL.

The health status of Ms. Victoire INGABIRE, FDU-INKINGI Chair, is still worrying. She was again seen by a police paramedic this morning who provided some medications.

The confrontation with the state-prepared key witness took place in GASABO COURT HOUSE between 14:30 and 18:00. From contradictions to contradictions, the key witness, Major Vital UWUMUREMYI, is pleading guilty, begging for mercy and forgiveness and volunteering all the information used by the Prosecutor to keep Ms. Victoire INGABIRE in jail. The witness revealed that he has been using many identities and passports but has been continuously living in Rwanda since early 2009. The police information that he was arrested alongside the DRC common border with documents and evidence involving Ms. Victoire INGABIRE in a terrorist ploy is just fake. In normal circumstances, a person with multiple identities is not reliable in Rwandan courts. How can a government rely on only one witness with questionable credibility?

The article 59 of the code of criminal procedure stipulates : "Persons against whom the prosecution has evidence to suspect that they were involved in the commission of an offence cannot be heard as witnesses". (LAW N° 13/2004 OF 17/5/2004 RELATING TO THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, O.G SPECIAL N° OF 30/07/2004).

There is no clear information on the bail hearing despite the fact that the lawyer submitted a formal request since the arrest.

This is clearly a politically motivated trial and there will be no relief unless serious pressure is maintained on General Paul KAGAME. He seems to be the only person to decide in this case. We remind that since the previously granted bail in April 2010, the opposition leader has never been a flight risk nor a threat to the community. We call again for a medical parole without any further delay.

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