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PRESS RELEASE

JUDICIAL AMBUSH: MS. VICTOIRE INGABIRE'S SURPRISE COURT APPEARANCE

On 23rd November 2010 late afternoon, the incarcerated Chair of the FDU-INKINGI party, Ms. Victoire INGABIRE was taken to GASABO COURT HOUSE by surprise without prior information and no prior Court summons served to her defence counsel.

Today, the GASABO Intermediate Court informed by telephone the lawyer that the National Prosecutor requested a fresh hearing and that a Court summon for tomorrow 25th November 2010 at 08:00 is in force. It was not clear whether a Prosecutor's Motion for a 30-day extension of provisional detention has been submitted to the Court or not. According to the Rwandan criminal procedure law, a detained suspect is given a chance and time to prepare a defence petition. In this case, it looks more like a judicial ambush.

All the sources have confirmed that despite the official information claiming that the National Prosecution Authority has gathered overwhelming evidence against Ms. INGABIRE, they are not yet ready to press final charges any time soon. Instead we continue to witness intensive background deals involving house past staff and some FDU party members.

Other sources reveal suspicious activities involving a former FDU INKINGI party member in KIGALI City, Mr. Theoneste SIBOMANA, whose whereabouts are not clearly established since August 2010 and a member of the Party Social IMBERAKURI. The two individuals possibly travelling between Uganda and Rwanda might be used for fresh accusations related to terrorist acts and enter a set-up guilt plea deal drafted by Governmental Secret Services in order to soldier new evidence against incarcerated party leaders Ms. Victoire INGABIRE and Mr. Bernard NTAGANDA (Chair of PS IMBERAKURI).

The little hope for a fair trial in Rwanda for Ms. Victoire INGABIRE UMUHOZA and other political prisoners has totally vanished.

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