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PROTEST AGAINST THE ILLEGAL ARREST, DETENTION, AND TORTURE OF RWANDAN REFUGEES IN UGANDA

The Rally for Unity and Democracy (RUD-Urunana) regrets and condemns the illegal arrest, detention, and torture of Rwandan refugees in Uganda by the Ugandan Intelligence Services in collaboration with Rwandan Intelligence Services.

The RUD-Urunana is surprised that the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in Uganda did not actively seek the release of the refugees, despite that a lot of them have a valid refugee status. Among the refugees detained and tortured are women with minor children and infants.

For example, this week Mrs. Bernadette Kankindi was arrested, tortured, and imprisoned by the Ugandan intelligence services and is still in detention. Her husband has disappeared and his situation is unknown. Their minor children were left without adult supervision and anyone caring for them. The couple has Refugee ID: OPM/R 003814 delivered by UNHCR-Uganda on 09.05. 2005. Other Rwandan refugees couples and single parents are in similar situation.

The RUD-Urunana appeals to the UNHCR and the Government of Uganda to release the detainees not only because these refugees were illegally detained and tortured, but also to allow them to take care of their family and their minor children.

The RUD-Urunana urges all individuals and organizations to denounce these blatant attempts to humans.

To avoid similar abuses in the future, the Rally for Unity and Democracy appeals to the UNHCR to find proper resettlements for the Rwandan refugees living in Uganda.

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