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Subject: Request for fair justice for Mr. Janvier Sebareme Mukasa

We, members of the associations ISÔKO_Canada, ISÔKO_USA and ISÔKO_Europe, which bring together Congolese from the Tutsi community living in the diaspora, have learned with dismay of the arrest of Mr. Janvier Sebareme Mukasa, a member of the ISÔKO ASBL Mutuality in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

According to his Canadian-based family and local sources in Kinshasa, the arrest was made by agents of the National Cyber Defense Council, accompanied by members of the Republican Guard, the military police and the national police.

Mr. Janvier Sebareme, who is from Masisi territory in North Kivu, was arrested on the night of Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at his residence in the city of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The reasons for his arrest have not been provided and many believe that it is, once again, a discriminatory practice that often targets Congolese of Tutsi ethnicity with more than a hundred of whom are arbitrarily detained without due process in various prisons in Kinshasa.

Mr. Janvier Sebareme Mukasa is known for his apolitical stance and is not affiliated with any political movement. Rather, he is a great defender of community harmony with other ethnic group, and had participated in the meeting of members of the Tutsi community with the President of the Republic Felix Tshisekedi on November 11, 2022, in Kinshasa.

ISÔKO_Diaspora joins its voice to his family based in Canada who are without news and fear for his life. We add our alert to that of the family and all the members of the ISÔKO Mutuality asking the authorities of the Democratic Republic of Congo to ensure his physical integrity as well as fair justice to Mr. Janvier Sebareme Mukasa.



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We also ask that they get involved in putting an end to the abuses suffered by Congolese of Tutsi and protecting them from acts of discrimination, xenophobia and manhunting against the members of our community in Kinshasa.

We hope that through this alert on the case of Mr. Janvier Sebareme, the President of the Republic will be able to pay special attention to the hundreds of detainees at the Demiap, the central prison of Makala, the prison of Ndolo and other unidentified jails for a fair justice. See attached the list of these prisoners known as the prisoners of "facies" to which is unfortunately added our brother Janvier Sebareme.

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