

URGENT ACTION

WHEREABOUTS OF COMMUNITY ACTIVIST UNKNOWN

Joaquim Costa Zangui, the National Youth Secretary of the Democratic Bloc, was abducted by unknown men on 12 August. He went missing a day after he had presided over the electoral process to elect the new Residential Commission President in Massaue, Viana Municipality, Angola. His whereabouts remain unknown.

Community activist, **Joaquim Costa Zangui**, better known as **Lutambi**, was abducted by unknown men on 12 August while on his way to a meeting. The previous day, Joaquim had mobilised Massaue residents to elect a new president for their Residential Commission. A law student and primary school teacher with knowledge of the residential commissions law, the commission had sought Joaquim's assistance in organizing and officiating the election for a new Residential Commission president. The Residential Commission represents the residents and acts as the liaison between the residents and the municipality government.

After the election, the newly elected Massaue Residential Commission president invited Joaquim to join their executive committee. Joaquim was abducted at around 3 pm while on his way to meet the Massaue Residents Commission to inform them that he would take up the position after getting authorisation from the leadership of the Democratic Bloc.

Joaquim Costa Zangui is the National Youth Secretary of the Democratic Bloc, one of Angola's smaller opposition political parties.

There are concerns that Joaquim Costa Zangui may have been subjected to enforced disappearance. Angola has a poor human rights records in which political opposition members and dissidents have in the past be subjected to enforced disappearance, arbitrary arrests and arbitrary detention.

Please write immediately in Portuguese or English or your own language:

- Calling on the authorities to immediately conduct an independent and thorough investigation into the whereabouts of Joaquim Costa Zangui and ensure that all those suspected of criminal responsibility for his disappearance are brought to justice in a fair trial.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 27 SEPTEMBER 2018 TO:

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Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Violent repression of civil and political rights is common in Angola and the alleged enforced disappearance of Lutambi is consistent with Angola's historical human rights record. In the past decade, political dissenters, peaceful protestors, critics and journalists have been killed, intimidated, injured, subjected to enforced disappearance, unfairly tried and imprisoned.

Petitions and letters may also be directed to the Angola Permanent Mission at the UN, Embassies in Brazil and Portugal:

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