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PRESS RELEASE

**SOS: Mrs. ILLUMINEE IRAGENA REPORTED TO BE IN CRITICAL CONDITION
FOLLOWING TORTURE IN KAMI MILITARY CAMP**

According to informed sources [Mrs. Illuminee Iragena, reported missing since March 26, 2016](#), could be held in the notorious Kami military barracks, on the outskirts of Kigali City, Rwanda. The Kami military camp is notoriously known for its cruel interrogation methods used to extract false testimonies. Some reliable sources report that Mrs. Iragena has been tortured.

It should be recalled that in 2012 [Amnesty International](#) published a detailed [report condemning the systematic use of torture in Rwanda by military intelligence services](#). According to former inmates, some methods include the use of electric shocks, beating detainees or sensory deprivation to force them to speak, and by suffocation with a plastic bag over the head.

Mrs. Illuminee Iragena, is a mother of three young children and her husband had to flee the family home before the kidnapping of his wife in fear of being arrested and/or abducted. These children are very vulnerable. The alleged crime committed by Illuminee is that the intelligence services have found her name on the book written recently by political prisoner Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza, FDU-Inkingi’s Chair, while in incarceration at the Kigali maximum security prison.

The FDU-Inkingi party calls upon:

- Key donors of the RPF regime to use their influence to obtain the release of Mrs. Illuminee Iragena before it is too late.
- National and international women organisations to condemn abduction and imprisonment of Rwandan women that are members or suspected to be members of the political opposition.
- National and international organizations responsible for child protection, to take the necessary measures to safeguard the children of Mrs. Illuminee Iragena.

The FDU-Inkingi party would also like to make it crystal clear that the military camps should never be used as detention facilities for civilians, much less innocent civilians. Such old age practices are gone and must stop.

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