

National Executive Secretariat

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN : NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL SEARCH : 07 CONGOLESE IN HOSTAGE IN KARTHUM/ SUDAN, SINCE SEPTEMBER 29th, 2007

CONCERN :

CASE OF SEVEN CONGOLESE CITIZEN IN HOSTAGE IN KARTHUM SINCE SEPTEMBER 29th 2007 AND LOST OUTSIDE THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO TERRITORIAL LIMITS.

WE, THE RENADHOC : National Network of Congolese Human Rights NGO operational in the Democratic Republic of the Congo since august 2000 in the areas of human rights, democracy, good governance and peace-building ;

ANXIOUS to promote democratic values and fight for peace, human rights, dignity, justice, freedom, equality and security of people worldwide;

ARE LOOKING for seven (7) Congolese who were travelling in September 29th 2007 on a flight from BANGOKA airport of Kisangani in Democratic Republic of Congo to an inside destination, notably the province of North Kivu, airport of GOMA, in the Eastern part of the country.

THE FOLLOWING DETAILS GATHERED BY RENADHOC ON THIS CASE :

On September 29th 2007 after the flight had taken off from Kisangani, its destination changed since then independently of passengers abroad ! The flight Antonov 12 matriculated 9Q-CZB with the series number 00347003 hired by the company "BUSINESS and CARGO COMPANY" (BCC) of which responsible persons are Mr YAMBA SHILUNGU Shyko (General Manager in charge of administration and finances), Mr MBEMBE TOTIOLANA Francis (General Manager in charge of operations) and Mr PARESH PATTER (Indian Citizen, Associate General Manager), took off from the BANGOKA airport in Kisangani for expressed destination to Goma / North Kivu.

The flight embarked seven (7) Congolese passengers aboard and important freight of minerals. Its aerial navigation after taking off in Kisangani, Province Orientale, gave no sign of destination to any of the landing fields within the territorial limits of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The aircraft never crashed anywhere and is still in movement. It is presently operating in the Sudan.

From investigation made at the moment, the following is accountable :

- The flight 9Q-CZB is property of the Russian company "KING-TRANSAVIA Inc. "which might be located in Russia (UAE Sharjah International Free zone, PO Box 9655, Office A4-47, Voronezh, Russia. Tél / Fax : + 7-4732-39-91-75; Mobil : + 7-4732-517019, E-mail : kngt@comch.ru); It was formerly hired by the company "Groupe RUBUYE" before starting up service provision with the company "BUSINESS CARGO COMPANY" on ground of a lease contract whose content is yet unknown;
- The General Manager of "KING-TRANSAVIA Inc." is called Mr Victor VLADIMIR PANEVIN ;
- The owner of the flight might be PANEVIN;
- The deviated flight was commended by Russian citizens Mr KOTCHETOV FEDOR (*Pilot*), Mr SEMTUSOV OLEKSANDR, Mr KOUKHTA MIKHAIL, Mr BUKMOP Victor (*Mechanical engineers*), Mr CHOUISKI STANISLAV (*Navigator*) and by Congolese Citizens Mr Lucien NGOY (*Co-pilot*) and Mr Désiré SULUBIKA (*Loadmaster*);
- The flight was, at the occurrence of the event, hired by Mr YAMBA SHIRUNGU Shyko, Mr Francis MBEMBE TOTIOLONA and Mr PARESH PATTER for "BUSINESS CARGO COMPANY". No factual element of commitment between "BUSINESS CARGO COMPANY" and "KING-TRANSAVIA Inc" is revealed at the moment ;
- According to some sources, "BUSINESS CARGO COMPANY" (BCC) is highly represented in Democratic Republic of Congo beyond the earlier cited persons, namely YAMBA SHIRUNGU Shyko, Francis MBEMBE TOTIOLONA and Mr PARESH PATTER. And the person beyond these three might be General Gabriel AMISI KUMBA alias Tango Fort, Commander of Terrestrial Forces of the Congolese Army "FARDC";
- At the BANGOKA airport in Kisangani, in the Province Orientale, Barrister Me Michel SHETEBO BYAMUNGU who had just missed the CAA flight to Goma for having got off it for a while got a room on the flight 9Q-CZB assuming to reach destination in time considering effecting the order of mission N° CAB-MIN-ENER/09/0172/2007 of the Ministry of Energy which sent him to Noth-Kivu for the reason of service. So, Barrister SHETEBO is reported one of the lost;
- Some information, nevertheless, reveals that the flight might have landed in Khartoum (Sudan) since September 29th, 2007 and M. Michel SHETEBO BYAMUNGU is now detained in Khartoum by the General Manager of Sudanese Security and intelligence authority ;

Prior to the preceding and considering the emergency, the RENADHOC calls upon efforts of any person from any part of the world to search and forward information about the lost people and any party concerned in the aim to find them alive and bring them back home. The families of the lost are worrying since they have no news of and from theirs, 04 years have gone by now.

The National Network of Congolese Human Rights NGO (RENADHOC) would appreciate to know on what grounds some of the occupants of the aircraft continue to be under arrest while a group of others passengers had been released and live freely in Khartoum !

In the shortest time, the RENADHOC would also like to know, the f ate of Congolese national and the conditions that allow their return in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

For information relating to this case of disappearance, don't hesitate please to contact as soon as possible, the RENADHOC for emergency action through the following details and those in the footnotes: + 243.810.8000.12 / <u>E-mail</u>: numero.vert@yahoo.fr !

We are unaware at this point whether the seven Congolese could be at risk of possibly disappearance, torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment.

Many thanks for your urgent attention to this matter and again our apologies for the long notice.

Kind regards.

Kinshasa, October 17th, 2011



For the RENADHOC,

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 - Democratic Republic of the Congo Senate;
 - Democratic Republic of Congo Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - Democratic Republic of Congo Ministry of Interior;
 - Democratic Republic of Congo Ministry of Justice and Human Rights;
 - African Union;
 - European Union;
 - Sudan Government ;
 - INTERPOL;
 - Human Rights NGO Global Network;
 - United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies;
 - United Nations Human Rights Special procedures;
 - United Nations Mission in Sudan ;
 - International Civil Aviation organization;
 - Congolese Civil Society ;
 - World Civil Society Forum ;
 - International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC / CICR);
 - International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR / CIRGL).

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