



## CU Amnesty International DRC: Protect human rights defender Justine Masika Bihamba



**To: Joseph Ponde Isambwa - Chief Military Prosecutor**

We are deeply concerned about an attack on the family of Justine Masika Bihamba, a human rights defender, in September 2007.

We, the undersigned, urge you to ensure an **immediate, full and impartial investigation** into the attack, and that the perpetrators are tried without delay.

Please ensure adequate **protection** is given to Justine and her family while they continue to be at risk. The men responsible are still at large in the community and have harassed the family since the attack.

Human rights defenders in the DRC should be able to carry out their work free from harassment, in line with the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. All crimes of sexual violence in this country should be promptly and thoroughly investigated, and their perpetrators tried in a court of law.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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