

Comité des Observateurs des Droits de l'Homme CODHO¹

DR Congo : CODHO CONDEMNS KIDNAPPING AND DETENTION ARBITRARY AGAINST MULONGO KALONDA-BA-MPETA SIMON- HUIT BY THE FORCES OF DEFENCE AND SECURITY AT



LUBUMBASHI (Haut-Katanga Province)

Professeur MULONGO Simon-Huit

Mr. **Simon-Huit Mulongo Kalonda-Ba-Mpeta**, university professor, 65, was abducted April 22, 2016 to 20 h, by elements of the defense and security forces from his home in the city of Lubumbashi, Haut-Katanga province, in the southeast of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

According to witnesses on site, elements of the police and the army have broken the barrier of the plot and others climbed over the walls during the operation before entering the house and make a systematic search of all the rooms of the house. The authorities of that province said they had been looking at Molongo leaflets political, and also report found a pistol gun in the car when this alleged

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Mulongo search without judicial warrant and taken to the dungeon of the National Intelligence Agency (ANR). April 23, Mulongo was brought before the Military Prosecutor garnison for the military court in Lubumbashi where he was heard by a military judge on the basis of self defense gun found in his car, reading the document presented to the magistrate, this weapon has been identified by the General Administration Department of the city of Lubumbashi 14 February 2013. Mulongo Kalonda-Ba-Mpeta was detained and imprisoned since April 25, 2016 to prison Central Kassapa in Lubumbashi.

The Committee of Observers of Human Rights (CODHO) said that Simon-Huit Mulongo is old chief office of Moïse Katumbi, Governor of the former Katanga Province until September 2015 before his resignation, and he is member of the "Citizen Front 2016", a platform that brings together the political opposition parties and some civil society.

In addition, Professor Simon-Huit Mulongo² held a press conference on Tuesday 12 April at 16h in Kinshasa during which he justified this media release by the fact that he called "a campaign of demonization against Katumbi". Also, the alleged search of housing Mulongo comes as the G-7 (Group of 7 political parties of the opposition) held on 22 April 2016, a press conference in Kinshasa. The G-7 warns anyone who wants to attempt to body of Moses Katumbi. The G-7 also asked MONUSCO (Mission of the UN Stabilization in Congo) to ensure the safety of Moses Katumbi. Mr. Simon-Huit Mulongo is former chief of staff of Moïse Katumbi, also and Katumbi a former governor of the old province of Katanga (stripped early 2016) until September 2015 before his resignation. Moïse Katumbi and Simon -Hui Mulongo are spent in opposition, and Katumbi was presented in March 2006 by the G-7 as their candidate for the presidency of the Republic in the presidential election scheduled for November 2016. Note Congolese authorities prevented the meeting scheduled April 24, 2016 in the town of Kenya in Lubumbashi by the dynamics of the opposition (the Coalition of opposition political parties in the DRC) which Moses Katumbi was the keynote speaker. Even representatives of the Joint Office of the United Nations human rights were denied access to the place designated for the rally. The main rally was held in Kinshasa, but also in the towns of Goma (North Kivu province) and Bukavu (South Kivu). The purpose of the

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meeting is the commemoration of the 26 years-24 April- the historic date
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when the dictator Joseph Mobutu announced the multiparty political and
union in 1990, letting tears flow, thus yielding to the internal popular
pressure. The CODHO believes that this harassment politico -judiciaire
against Simon-Huit Mulongo Moïse Katumbi like other relatives of the
latter is the fact that Moses Katumbi having left the presidential majority
and introducing himself as a candidate for the presidential election in
November 2016.

Contacted for his views, the lawyer N'Sii Luanda, president of CODHO
said from Paris (France) that "Congo authorities must stop the use of
agents of the country, including soldiers of the Republican Guard and paid
polices paid, dressed and equipped by the money of taxpayers to suppress
the Congolese opposition members in violation of the constitution and laws
of the Republic."

**The Committee of Observers of Human Rights (CODHO) denounces all
acts of political violence against opposition members, including Mr Simon
Mulongo-Eight, and leaders of civil society organizations in the Democratic
Republic of Congo who are committed to respect the Constitution of the
republic in Kinshasa and in the 25 provinces, but also campaigning for the
holding of the presidential election in the constitutional deadline in
November 2016³.**

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