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'A' ROLL	
FOOTAGE & SYNC	COMMENTARY
10:00:14 Pull down from sky to landscape, followed by giraffe.	For those who visit Kenya it's a land of beautiful scenery and magnificent wildlife. For those who live there the story can be very different.
10:00:22 Street scene at crossroads, Nairobi. (Filmed October 1995).	In recent years Kenya's human rights record has come under increasing criticism both nationally and internationally. Kenya's government is fomenting ethnic strife and repressing political opponents.
10:00:28 Riot police attacking crowd at demonstration by mothers of political prisoners, 3 March 1992. Reuters TV (NOT FOR LIBRARY USE). 10:00:40 Police Station, Nairobi. (Filmed October 1995)	Torture is used to intimidate detainees, gain false confessions and dissuade them from political activity. The methods used are particularly brutal.
10:00:50 Dr Gunnar Skytt, General Practitioner, member of Amnesty International Danish Medical Group who visited Kenya on behalf of Amnesty International in March 1995. (Filmed October 1995).	SYNC DR GUNNAR SKYTT, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. "Torture is used systematically in Kenya. The most common torture methods used are beating and whipping. Women are raped and sexually abused. I saw with my own eyes three young men who had been exposed to an extremely cruel kind of torture. They were taken to a forest, hung up in trees and blindfolded. A string was tied around the upper arms and a stick was introduced under the string, twisted around to tighten the string further, the result being that the arm was completely strangulated and this resulted in permanent disability. One even lost his arm."

<p>10:01:31 Police in Jeep, Nairobi. (Filmed October 1995).</p> <p>10:01:40 Demo, 3 March 1992 - (as above TC 10:00:28).</p>	<p>This sort of treatment is common throughout the country. President Daniel arap Moi's KANU party rules with an iron fist. Demonstrations, public meetings and strikes have been violently broken up by the police. The youth wing of the KANU party have also been responsible for attacking civilians.</p>
<p>10:01:51 Fiammetta Rocco, Kenyan journalist, Sunday Telegraph, referring to 10 August 1995 when Safina Party Officials were beaten up outside Nakuru Magistrate Court. (Filmed in October 1995).</p>	<p>SYNC FIAMMETTA ROCCO.</p> <p>"Three or four journalists were standing outside the High Court in Nakuru with lawyers and members of the Safina party who were planning to visit Koigi Wa Wamwere - Kenya's best known political prisoner. All of a sudden we were attacked by about 20 KANU party wingers, a gang of party thugs carrying whips and truncheons. A truck arrived then with more youth wingers. Their leader jumped out and started pointing to who he wanted beaten. I was beaten, so was Richard Leakey of Safina and others. My father - who is 65 - was whipped and very badly kicked and meanwhile about 60 or 70 policemen in full riot gear just stood by and did nothing."</p>
<p>10:02:33 Police on street, Nairobi (Filmed October 1995).</p>	<p>The Kenyan Government boasts that its laws safeguard citizens against torture and harassment and yet the police violate human rights with almost total impunity. Many political prisoners report that they have been tortured. Usually by officers of the "Special Branch" or the CID.</p>
<p>10:02:44 Geoffrey Ndungu Gichuhi, tortured in December 1994 (see description by Dr Gunnar Skytt TC 10:00:50) and lost his arm as a result. (Filmed March 1995).</p>	<p>David Njenga was arrested on suspicion of political opposition to the ruling KANU party. He was tortured in 1993. He is still receiving treatment.</p>
<p>10:02:53 David Njenga, tortured in Nairobi, November 1993. (Filmed March 1995).</p>	<p>SYNC DAVID NJENGA.</p> <p>"When they were beating me up they did not concentrate on the toes alone - others would even kick me in the head. And this was the time, when they decided since I could not tell them what they wanted, this leg - that is the right leg - they took a plier and they held the toe - the middle toe - and they just held the nail, the toenail, like that and they just plucked it and blood was all over."</p>

<p>10:03:46 Dr Gunnar Skytt on Amnesty International research mission to Kenya examining torture victims, March 1995.</p>	<p>Prisoners like David Njenga, as well as ordinary criminals, are routinely denied medical treatment while they are imprisoned. Doctors who do try to see prisoners are harassed and threatened. Even a Kenyan High Court judge has described the prisons as death chambers. Over the last year at least 800 people have died because of the horrific conditions.</p>
<p>10:04:09 SYNC Dr Gunnar Skytt. (Filmed October 1995).</p>	<p>SYNC DR GUNNAR SKYTT, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. "Doctors in Kenya are routinely denied access to prisoners. Some have even been harassed into falsifying medical reports. I know at least one doctor who has been imprisoned for treating political prisoners. Not only are prisoners having their rights abused but doctors are deprived of their basic right to treat patients."</p>
<p>10:04:35 Street scenes, Nairobi. 10:04:40 "Free political prisoners" poster at demonstration, 3 March 1992. (Reuters TV - NOT FOR LIBRARY USE).</p>	<p>Many Kenyans hoped that democracy would bring improvements in human rights following the election in 1992. So far, they are still waiting.</p>

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<p>10:04:55 David Njenga (for details see TC 10:02:53)</p>	<p>SYNC DAVID NJENGA. "I was driven to Parklands police station. And not in the main police station, from the main police station about 100 metres. Yes, there was a house, kind of a residential house. I came to learn later that it was a torture chamber because later on I had to suffer a lot of beatings and all that. So that's where I was taken."</p>

<p>10:05:29 Mirugi Kariuki - Human Rights Lawyer and former prisoner of conscience adopted by Amnesty International. Also beaten up resulting in broken collar bone by KANU youth wingers on 10 August 1995 outside Nakuru Magistrate Court.</p>	<p>"International support is very important. Not only for Doctors but for everybody. All human rights activists require international support because one thing we have learnt here is that our government really has no ear for the local voices. We have had this experience with our multi-party campaign. There were so many activists for multi-partyism but the government did not budge until the international community - the donor community - said, put their feet down, no more money for Kenya until there is multi-partyism. It took Moi three weeks to give in. And yet we have been agitating for this for years and years, yet he ignores our voices."</p>
<p>10:06:15 Fiammetta Rocco (for details see TC 10:01:51)</p>	<p>"I spoke to some of the lawyers and journalists who went to Nakuru prison to visit Koigi Wa Wamwere. They were attacked by the prison riot squad who came out of the prison, beating them with truncheons and sticks, chasing them down the hill into the arms of a gang of six KANU youth wingers waiting for them with whips. They were very badly hurt, three of them ended up in hospital."</p>

<p>10:06:45 Set up shots for Dr Gunnar Skytt.</p> <p>10:07:06 Various GVs of Nairobi. Includes pan and zoom shots.</p> <p>10:07:56 Graffiti on wall.</p> <p>10:08:10 Police jeep driving through traffic.</p> <p>10:08:21 Various street scenes of Nairobi shot from ground level.</p> <p>10:08:51 Police station, pull back to police motorbike.</p> <p>10:09:07 Demonstration by mothers of political prisoners and subsequent violence by police, 3 March 1992. Reuters TV footage (NOT FOR LIBRARY USE).</p> <p>10:09:33 "Free Political Prisoners" poster from demonstration above. Reuters TV footage (NOT FOR LIBRARY USE).</p>	
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