

Leading activist allegedly assaulted

Activists in Equatorial Guinea claim security officials detained and assaulted the head of their human rights and development organisation over the weekend. Alfredo Okenve was '**sequestered ... (and) mistreated by security forces wearing civilian clothes**', the Centre for Studies and Initiatives for the Development of Equatorial Guinea (CEID-GE) said in a statement. Okenve's relative Analetto Medja said 'they took him to some wasteland and beat him hard until he was bleeding'. A report on the [News24](#) site notes that the centre said it would file a formal complaint, denouncing the harassment of civil society. Okenve was arrested and detained for several days in April 2017 for celebrating the 20th anniversary of the CEID-GE.