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## **STATEMENT ON GUINEA-BISSAU**

### **U.S. Embassy Calls for Investigation into Human Rights Violations**

The U.S. Embassy condemns the apparent murder of Luis Ocante da Silva this week and calls on the Transitional Government to take all steps to ensure that the perpetrators of this crime are brought to justice. The authorities in Guinea-Bissau must take concrete steps to combat the climate of impunity that has existed in the country for many years and across many governments. Investigating da Silva's murder and the events of October 21, including the abduction and beating of Iancuba Indjai and Sylvestre Alves, identifying those responsible, trying them in the relevant court of law, and punishing them for their crimes are steps that are imperative for the welfare of Guinea-Bissau.

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