

The Angolan authorities should immediately end the use of unnecessary and disproportionate force against demonstrators, Human Rights Watch said today. It should also ensure the protection of demonstrators and journalists covering anti-government protests against violence, Human Rights Watch said. Human Rights Watch also expressed concern that more than 30 demonstrators arrested by the authorities are still being held incommunicado, their whereabouts unknown.

On September 3, 2011, police agents and groups of unidentified men apparently allied to the authorities violently dispersed an anti-government rally involving several hundred protesters. The demonstration, at Luanda's Independence Square, called on President José Eduardo dos Santos – in power for 32 years – to step down. The police said four police officers and three citizens had been injured and that 24 people had been arrested, and blamed the demonstrators for the violence. However, witnesses told Human Rights Watch many more were injured and more than 40 demonstrators arrested. (...)

The article:

<http://www.hrw.org/news/2011/09/05/angola-stop-repression-anti-government-protests>

Basic information:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angola>

Human Rights in Angola:

<http://www.hrw.org/en/world-report-2011/angola-0>

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/region/angola/report-2011>