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Further information on UA 230/95 (AFR 25/12/95, 3 October 1995) and follow-ups (AFR 25/13/95, 20 November; AFR 25/01/96, 16 February 1996; AFR 25/02/96, 23 February; AFR 25/13/96, 20 September) - Fear of ill-treatment / Legal concern / "Disappearance"

**ETHIOPIA Ahmed Mohamed, Field Coordination Officer with Oromo Relief Association  
(ORA)**

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Amnesty International very much welcomes the news that Ahmed Mohamed, the ORA Field Coordination Officer in Dire Dawa in eastern Ethiopia, was released in early October 1996. He had "disappeared" on 15 February 1996 after obeying an instruction to report to the army offices in Dire Dawa. He was released from detention without having been brought to court or charged or allowed any family visits. No further details are yet available.

No further action by the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals to the Ethiopian authorities -- they did not reply or acknowledge or explain Ahmed Mohamed's "disappearance", but we believe your actions secured his safety and eventual release.