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Further information on UA 107/92 (AFR 54/12/92, 1 April 1992) - Legal / Health Concern

SUDAN:           Nadia Hassan Ali Karrar           (Female)  
                  Afifa Hassan Ali Karrar           (Female)  
                  Layla Hassan Ali Karrar           (Female)  
                  Haram Ahmad Ali Karrar           (Female)  
                  Saria Abdelmoneim Karrar, eight-year-old child  
                  Hana al-Sadiq Abdullah al-Fadl al-Mahdi (Female)  
                  Majda Mustafa Awad Khojali       (Female)  
                  Manal Mustafa Awad Khojali       (Female)  
                  the mother of Majda and Manal  
                  and another woman whose name is unknown

NEW NAMES:

Mhassin Abulgassim               (Female)  
Mona Abulgassim                   (Female)  
Awadia Abulgassim               (Female)  
Awatif Mirghani Taha             (Female)  
Samira Hassan Ali Karrar         (Female)  
Manal Mohammed Mahgoub         (Female)  
Hayat                             (Female)  
Fathia                             (Female)  
Zakia                              (Female)  
Fatima                             (Female)  
Assia                              (Female)  
Mahassin                          (Female)  
Salwa                              (Female)  
Samira                             (Female)  
and the mother of Lt. Col. Mohamed Abdulaziz

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The 15 women in the above list of new names, were reportedly arrested by Sudanese security officials on 1 April 1992 as they demonstrated in front of the headquarters of Sudan Security in the Hai Mattar district, Khartoum, to commemorate the execution of 28 army officers on 24 April 1990. Those arrested are relatives of the officers executed in April 1990. They include the widow of Colonel Bashir Mustafa Bashir, the sister of Colonel 'Ismat Mirghani Taha, the widow of Brigadier Osman al-Sayed Balol, the sister of Captain Mudather Mohammed Mahgoori, the mother of Captain Mudather Mohammed Mahgoub and the sister of Lieutenant Colonel Abdelmoniem Hassan Ali Karrar (see UA 161/90, AFR 54/19/90 and follow up AFR/24/90).

It has been reported that a number of the women were assaulted by security officials as they were arrested on 1 April. A 70-year-old woman is reported to have been beaten and dragged along the ground. The women are reported to be currently detained at the headquarters of the security service.

The arrests follow others which took place on 31 March 1992 at a previous demonstration in Khartoum, when other women relatives of the officers executed in April 1990 entered the grounds of the Presidential Palace. On this occasion, 9 women and an eight-year-old girl were detained. They are currently being held in Omdurman Womens' Prison where they are reported to be on hunger-strike. One of the detainees held since 31 March, Majda Awad Khojali, suffers from

a heart condition and is reported to have been denied medical attention. Another of the women, Manal Awad Khojali, who is a nursing mother, has reportedly been denied access to her baby.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters:**

- expressing concern at the arrest of the women named above on 1 April 1992 who Amnesty International believes are prisoners of conscience arrested for engaging in their internationally recognized fundamental right to freedom of expression and association;
- expressing concern that some of them are reported to have been assaulted while they were arrested;
- expressing concern that 9 other women and a child arrested on 31 March 1992 are reported to remain in detention at Omdurman Womens' Prison and now to be on hunger-strike;
- expressing concern that Majda Awad Khojali, who suffers from a heart complaint, is reported to have been denied medical attention and that Manal Awad Khojali, a nursing mother, has been denied access to her baby;
- seeking assurances that they are being humanely treated and that they have immediate and regular access to their families, lawyers and medical attention;
- urging that they be immediately and unconditionally released.

**APPEALS TO:**

1. His Excellency Lieutenant General  
Omar Hassan al-Bashir

**[Salutation: Your Excellency]**

Head of State and Chairman of the NSRCC  
People's Palace  
PO Box 281  
Khartoum, Sudan

**Telegrams: Lt Gen Omar Hassan al-Bashir, Khartoum, Sudan**

**Telexes: 22385 PEPLC SD OR 22411 KAID SD**

2. Brigadier-General al-Zubeir Mohamed Saleh

**[Salutation: Dear Brigadier-General]**

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior  
and Deputy Chairman of the NSRCC  
People's Palace  
PO Box 281  
Khartoum, Sudan

**Telegrams: Brig-Gen al-Zubeir Mohamed Saleh, Khartoum,  
Sudan**

**Telexes: 22842 WZARA SD or 22604 IPOL SD**

3. The Acting Minister of Justice and Attorney-General

**[Salutation: Dear Minister]**

Ministry of Justice  
Khartoum, Sudan

**Telexes:** 22459 KHRJA SD or 22461 KHRJA SD  
(via Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Mr Jalal Ali Lutfi  
Chief Justice  
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Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
PO Box 873, Khartoum, Sudan

and to diplomatic representatives of Sudan in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 May 1992.