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24 July 1996

Further information (1) on UA 157/96 (AFR 54/12/96, 28 June 1996) - Fear of ill-treatment / possible prisoners of conscience

SUDANTaha Mohamed Taha al-Haj Osman Abdallah Abdel Aziz Kamal Abdel Karim Mirghani Abdel Karim Karouma Abdallah Malik Omar Abdallah Jadallah Dhali Rahmtalla Mohamed Suleiman Ali Issailat Kamil Abdel Rahman al-Siq Mohamed Mahjoub Taha Souraj al-Ustaz al-Bushra Mohamed al-Hafiz

Amnesty International has learned that Abdallah Malik, one of 15 men arrested between 18 and 24 June 1996 in a clampdown on alleged supporters of the banned National Democratic Alliance, was released on 11 July 1996. No further appeals are required on his behalf.

While acknowledging the release of Abdallah Malik, please continue action on behalf of the remaining 14 men.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/ airmail letters in English, Arabic or in your own language:

- welcoming news of the release of Abdallah Malik, but expressing concern at the reported continuing detention without charge of the 14 other men named above, who may be prisoners of conscience imprisoned for their suspected opposition to the Sudan Government;

- asking assurances that they are not being ill-treated;

urging that they be given immediate and regular access to their families, legal representatives and any necessary medical attention;appealing for them to be released if they are not to be charged with

recognizable criminal offences and brought promptly to a fair trial.

APPEALS TO:

1) President His Excellency Lieutenant General Omar Hassan al-Bashir President of the Republic of the Sudan People's Palace PO Box 281, Khartoum, Sudan Telegrams: Lt Gen Omar Hassan al-Bashir, Khartoum, Sudan Salutation: Your Excellency

2) Minister of Justice/Attorney General Mr 'Abd al-Basit Sabdarat Minister of Justice and Attorney General Ministry of Justice Khartoum, Sudan Telegrams: Minister of Justice 'Abd al-Basit Sabdarat, Khartoum, Sudan Telexes: c/o 22411 KAID SD or 22604 IPOL SD Salutation: Dear Minister

3) Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Ali Osman Mohamed Taha Minister of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs PO Box 873 Khartoum, Sudan Telegrams: Foreign Minister Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, Khartoum, Sudan Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES TO:

1) Mr Obeid Haj Ali Chief Justice Law Courts Khartoum, Sudan

2) The Chairman Human Rights Committee of the National Assembly Omdurman, Sudan

and to diplomatic representatives of Sudan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 September 1996.

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