

6 April 1992

Further information on UA 107/92 (AFR 54/12/92, 1 April 1992, and follow-up AFR 54/13/92, 3 April 1992) - Legal and 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)
 Muna Mustafa Awad Khojali
 the mother of Majda, Manal and Muna
 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

Majda Mustafa Awad Khojali, one of the 23 women and one child named above who were arrested while demonstrating in Khartoum on 31 March and 1 April 1992, is reported to have been taken ill while in detention.

In the follow-up to UA 107/92 (AFR 54/13/92, 3 April 1992), it was reported that she suffers from a heart condition and had been denied medical attention.

It is now reported that on 1 April 1992 she was taken from Omdurman Women's Prison under the promise of being taken to receive medical attention. Instead, she was taken to the headquarters of the national Security Services where she was interrogated and beaten. A security official is reported to have then given her an injection, but the nature of this and the reasons for it are unknown.

After the injection she is reported to have been taken ill and to have experienced swelling of her body. The security officials who were returning her to Omdurman Women's Prison, took her to her home so she could collect medication. However, on her return to prison, she reportedly fell into a coma.

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

- expressing serious concern about reports that Majda Mustafa Awad Khojali, who suffers from a heart complaint, is reported to have been taken seriously ill and denied adequate medical attention;

- expressing concern that she is reported to have been beaten when taken for interrogation at the headquarters of Sudan Security on 1 April 1992, and was given an injection there of an unknown substance which may have worsened

her condition;

- seeking assurances that she is now receiving medical attention and has access to her family and lawyer;

- urging that Majda Mustafa Awad Khojali, regarded by Amnesty International to be a prisoner of conscience together with the 22 other women and one child arrested on 31 March and 1 April 1992, be immediately and unconditionally released.

APPEALS TO:

1. His Excellency Lieutenant General
Omar Hassan al-Bashir
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

[Salutation: Your Excellency]

2. Brigadier-General al-Zubeir Mohamed Saleh
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

[Salutation: Dear Brigadier-General]

3. The Acting Minister of Justice and Attorney-General
Ministry of Justice
Khartoum, Sudan

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

[Salutation: Dear Minister]

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Mr Jalal Ali Lutfi
Chief Justice
Law Courts
Khartoum, Sudan

Mr Ali Sahloul
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 18 May 1992.