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Further information on UA 148/94 (AFR 54/13/94, 14 April 1994) - Legal concern / fear of ill-treatment and torture

SUDAN: Sara Nugdallah, opposition politician and lecturer (f)
Abdel Rasoul al-Nur, opposition politician

Sara Nugdallah was released from Omdurman Women's Prison on 20 June 1994.

Amnesty International has also learned that Abdel Rasoul al-Nur was released from detention on 27 June because of his serious and deteriorating state of health after having been subjected to ill-treatment since early April 1994 in one of Khartoum's secret detention centres known as "ghost houses". During his detention, he was held in a small cell without a bed, was refused medication and medical treatment for his gout and arthritis, and was given only meagre rations of food and unclean tap water.

On 24 June, he was transferred to a clinic, after having fallen into a coma. On 27 June, he regained consciousness, and was released from custody and allowed home.

He is now seriously ill in al-Mulazmein hospital in Omdurman, reportedly suffering from malnutrition, dehydration, anaemia and malaria.

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

- expressing deep concern at the ill-treatment and inadequate medical care suffered by Abdel Rasoul al-Nur during his detention from 9 April 1994 to 27 June which has caused him to become seriously ill;
- seeking assurances that other detainees are not being subjected to torture or ill-treatment;
- urging that all detainees in custody be granted immediate and regular access to their family and to legal counsel and any necessary medical treatment;
- calling for all officials operating in detention centres to be informed of, and required to uphold, international standards of detention.

APPEALS TO

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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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 11 August 1994.