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Further Information on UA 350/02 (AFR 54/037/2002, 03 December 2002) - Incommunicado detention/Detention without charge New concern: Fear of Torture

SUDAN **Al-Shafi' al-Tayeb Yusuf (m), aged 27, teacher**
Hashem al-Tayeb Yusuf (m), aged 23, student
Khidder al-Tayeb Yusuf (m), aged 20, student

Khidder al-Tayeb Yusuf was released on 16 December without charge. Members of the Sudanese security services reportedly tortured him in pre-trial detention. His brothers, al-Shafi' and Hashem al-Tayeb Yusuf remain in incommunicado detention.

The three brothers were arrested at about 2am on 29 November. They were taken to the political section of the security forces near Farouk cemetery in Khartoum North. All three brothers were beaten, including behind the ear, and lashed with whips until about 6am. They were also verbally abused and threats were made against their families. They were questioned about their political beliefs and in particular about any relationship to the Sudan Communist Party. They were also asked about the whereabouts of their brother, Lenin, a student leader at al-Nilein University.

In the evening they were taken to the security service centre near the army headquarters in Khartoum and put for two hours in a small, hot cell nicknamed "the heater". They were moved at 9pm to Kober Prison in Khartoum North where al-Shafi' and Hashem al-Tayeb Yusuf remain.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Arabic or English or your own language:

- expressing concern at the continued incommunicado detention without charge of al-Shafi' al-Tayeb Yusuf and Hashem al-Tayeb Yusuf;
- calling for them to be released immediately if they are not to be promptly charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- calling for the allegations that the brothers were severely beaten in detention to be fully investigated and for any member of the security service found to have had any involvement in torture or ill-treatment to be brought to justice;
- seeking assurances that those detained will be treated humanely and will have immediate access to lawyers and their family.

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COPIES 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 31 January 2003.