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Further Information on UA 110/03 (AFR 54/025/2003, 23 April 2003 and AFR 54/031/2003, 8 May 2003)
Fear of torture / incommunicado detention / detention without charge

SUDAN **Abubaker Hamed Nur (m)- engineer**
 Yusuf Mohammad Faleh (m) - engineer
 Mohammad Bashir Ahmed (m)- civil servant
 Bashir Bushara (m)- businessman
 Hashem al-Tayeb (m) – businessman
 Abdel Rahman Ahmad (m) - businessman
 Mohammad Hashem Abdel Rahman (m) - businessman
 Ibrahim Mohammad Hassan (m), 55 years old- photographer

Released: **Abdel Shafi Issa Mustapha, 48 years old - director of the Nyala Textile Factory**

Amnesty International has learned that Abdel Shafi Issa Mustapha was released during the third week of May. There is no further information as to where he was detained, the reasons for his arrest or his conditions of detention.

Due to a heavy military presence in Darfur and government restrictions on access to information, there is currently no further information on the eight other detainees named above. They were all detained in April, possibly on suspicion of involvement with the Sudan Liberation Army. Amnesty International continues to be concerned that they are being tortured in detention.

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

- welcoming news of the release of Abdel Shafi Issa Mustapha;
- expressing grave concern over the incommunicado detention of Abubaker Hamed Nur, Yusuf Mohammad Faleh, Mohammad Bashir Ahmed, Bashir Bushara, Hashem al-Tayeb, Abdel Rahman Ahmad, Mohammad Hashem Abdel Rahman and Ibrahim Mohammad Hassan;
- urging the authorities to publicly reveal the whereabouts of the detainees;
- urging the authorities to allow the detainees immediate and unrestricted access to their relatives, legal counsel and any medical aid they may need;
- calling on the authorities to give assurance that the detainees will not be tortured or ill-treated;
- calling on the authorities to abide by their commitments under Article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and either charge the detainees with a recognizably criminal offence and give them a prompt and fair trial in accordance with international standards or set them free immediately.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 August 2003.