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Further Information on UA 231/02 (AFR 54/015/2002, 24 July 2002) Fear of torture/ incommunicado detention/medical concern

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**Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman (m)
and 26 others, names unknown**

Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman was reportedly released from the political section of Kober prison in Khartoum some time between 22 July and 5 August. He had been detained without charge since 9 July 2002. He was held incommunicado for much of the time and was only allowed a visit from a relative for the first time in January 2003.

Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman was transferred to Kober prison from "The Executive Body of General Security", near the Security Headquarters in Khartoum East, at an unknown date. His lawyers had appealed for his release in May 2003, noting that his continuing detention was contravening even the nine-month period of detention without charge permitted under Sudanese law.

The reasons for Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman's detention remain unclear. At the time of his arrest he was undergoing medical treatment for severe back pain at the Amal Centre for Rehabilitation of Victims of Physical and Mental Trauma, after he was reportedly tortured by the security services in detention between 1997 and 1999.

Amnesty International has no further information about the 26 unnamed people who were also arrested by the security forces around the same time.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action is required from the network at present.