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**Enforced disappearance/Fear of torture or ill-treatment**

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES      Alsadiq Siddiq Adam Abdullah (m), aged 27, Sudanese national

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Businessperson Alsadiq Siddiq Adam Abdullah, a Sudanese national and UK resident, has not been heard from since 5 November 2007. He was in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at the time he went missing. He may have been subjected to enforced disappearance. His family fears that he is held by the security forces in the UAE, and is at risk of torture and ill-treatment.

In September 2007, Alsadiq Siddiq Adam Abdullah was returning to London, UK, from a business trip in Sydney, Australia. He was arrested on 23 September at Dubai airport on arrival and transferred to the headquarters of the UAE police in the city of Abu Dhabi. According to the information available to Amnesty International the authorities in the UAE recognized that his arrest was groundless. According to UAE officials, Alsadiq Siddiq Adam Abdullah was released on 25 September. However, nobody has been able to confirm his whereabouts. Alsadiq Siddiq Adam Abdullah spoke with his family by mobile telephone several times until 5 November, during which he was apparently in the presence of other people and unable to reveal where he was. Since 5 November, there have been no further calls.

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

**To the UAE authorities:**

- expressing concern for the safety of Alsadiq Siddiq Adam Abdullah, who is feared to have been the victim of enforced disappearance following his release from judicial custody in the UAE on 25 September 2007;
- calling on the authorities to investigate his apparent enforced disappearance with a view to bringing to justice those responsible;
- calling on the authorities urgently to do everything within their power to establish the whereabouts of Alsadiq Siddiq Adam Abdullah;
- urging them to ensure that Alsadiq Siddiq Adam Abdullah is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated, if he is in custody.

**To the Sudanese authorities:**

- urging the authorities to seek consular access and representation on behalf of Alsadiq Siddiq Adam Abdullah.

**APPEALS TO:**

**United Arab Emirates**

**Minister of the Interior**

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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

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**Salutation: Your Highness**

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**Minister of Foreign Affairs**

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of the United Arab Emirates accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 February 2008.