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Further Information on UA 229/03 (AFR 54/066/2003, 30 July 2003)- Fear for safety/Fear of torture or ill-treatment/incommunicado detention

SUDAN Mohamed Omer Ibrahim (m), aged 60, former regional manager of national telecommunications company in Darfur
Suleiman Hasab Allah (m), aged about 70, *shertai* (traditional leader) in the eastern Jebel Marra Mountains region
Dr Mohamed Issa El Haj (m), aged 51, pharmacist, intellectual
Abdelaziz Abdalla Abdel Mahmoud (m), aged 39, former civil servant
Suleiman Tahir Abdalla (m), aged 50, *sheikh* (native village administrator)
Mohammed Mohammed Tahir (m), aged 37, son of Suleiman Tahir Abdalla
Abu Gasim Musa Eltahir (m), aged 23, relative of Suleiman Tahir Abdalla

New names: Ahmed Dut Hamid (m), *sheikh* of Gadarra, north of Kabkabiya
Musa Daoud (m), from Shoba village
Adam Hamid (m)] inhabitants of Zalingei
Al Haj Al Nour (m)]

Amnesty International has learnt that two other men, Ahmed Dut Hamid and Musa Daoud were arrested in the town of Kabkabiya, North Darfur State, on 30 July. Adam Hamid and Al Haj Al Nour were arrested by the security forces in Zalingei, Western Darfur state on 5 July and transferred to the Nyala prison on 20 July. All the men named above are of Fur ethnicity, and are detained incommunicado.

Three others arrested previously in the Darfur region, Mohamed Omer Ibrahim, Dr Mohamed Issa El Haj, Abdelaziz Abdalla Abdel Mahmoud, together with El Fadil Adam Mohammed Ahmed Noorein, who was arrested on 10 July in the town of Nyala (see UA 213/03, AFR 54/059/2003, 15 July 2003) are detained at the office of the security forces in Nyala. The security forces have reportedly forced the four men to do harsh physical exercises and have deprived them of sleep.

Ahmed Dut Hamid is reportedly being held at an unknown location. The whereabouts of the three villagers from Shoba arrested on 25 July, and Musa Daoud, also from Shoba, are unknown. However, they may be detained at Garra, a camp allegedly run by a group of armed Arab nomads, about 10 km north of Kabkabiya.

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

- expressing concern at the reported arrests of Ahmed Dut Hamid, Musa Daoud, Adam Hamid and Al Haj Al Nour;
- urging the authorities to publicly reveal their whereabouts and calling for assurances that they will not be ill-treated or tortured;
- expressing concern at reports that Mohamed Omer Ibrahim, Dr Mohamed Issa El Haj, Abdelaziz Abdalla Abdel Mahmoud and El Fadil Adam Mohammed Ahmed Noorein are being ill-treated or tortured and calling on the authorities to immediately provide them with medical help;
- calling for a prompt, independent and impartial investigation into the reported ill-treatment of the four men and urging the authorities to bring to justice anyone suspected of being responsible for such acts;
- urging the authorities to allow the eleven men immediate and unrestricted access to their relatives, lawyers and any medical aid they may need;

- calling on the government to abide by its 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 19 September 2003.