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Further Information on UA 251/03 (AFR 54/075/2003, 20 August 2003) and follow-up (AFR 54/083/2003, 10 September 2003) Fear of torture or ill-treatment / incommunicado detention / medical concern

<b>SUDAN</b>	<b>Abaqer Adam Mohamed Sho'aib (m), teacher Abdul Aziz Ahmed Musa (m)</b>	<b>] members of the ] Fur ethnic group</b>
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Amnesty International has learnt that Abaqer Adam Mohamed Sho'aib and Abdul Aziz Ahmed Musa were released in September as part of a ceasefire accord between the Sudan Liberation Army/ Movement (SLA/M) and the Sudanese government.

They were arrested on 12 August by security forces officers in Kass, South Darfur State, western Sudan, on suspicion of supporting the SLA/M. Along with 22 other men, they were allegedly tortured over a two-day period by members of the military intelligence in Kass. They were allegedly flogged and severely beaten with sticks. Abaqer Adam Mohamed Sho'aib was detained incommunicado at the security forces premises in Kass. Abdul Aziz Ahmed Musa was detained in the office of the military intelligence in the city of Nyala. To date, there has been no investigation of their alleged torture in detention.

**Many thanks to all who sent appeals. If possible, please send a final round of appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Arabic, English or your own language:**

- welcoming the release of Abaqer Adam Mohamed Sho'aib and Abdul Aziz Ahmed Musa;
- calling on the Sudanese authorities to open a prompt, independent and impartial investigation into the allegations of torture of Abaqer Adam Mohamed Sho'aib, Abdul Aziz Ahmed Musa and 20 other men, and, if sufficient evidence is found, to bring to justice anyone thought to have used or ordered torture.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Sudan accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.**