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Further information on UA 375/00 (AFR 54/07/00, 11 December 2000) and follow-up (AFR 54/001/2001, 9 January 2001) - Fear of Torture

SUDAN Ali al Said, Democratic Unionist Party  
Al Tijani Mustafa, Ba'ath Arab Socialist Party  
Mohammed Mahjoub, Sudan Communist Party  
Joseph Okailo, National Democratic Alliance (NDA)  
Mohamed Wida Ala, NDA spokesman  
Mohamed Suleiman Mohamed, Trade Union Alliance  
Stans Jimmy Wongo, Union of Sudan African Parties  
Ibrahim Haj Musa

Ghazi Suleiman, lawyer, Sudanese Human Rights Organisation  
Ali Mahmoud Hasanain, lawyer, Democratic Unionist Party

New names: Osman Yusif Ibrahim, lawyer  
Siddig Yusif Ibrahim, his brother  
Abdel Hameed Ali

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Lawyers Ghazi Suleiman and Ali Mahmoud Hasanain were released by the Security Services on 17 February. However, another lawyer has been arrested, together with his brother and another man.

Ghazi Suleiman and Ali Mahmoud Hasanain had reportedly been held in solitary confinement since they were arrested, on 9 December 2000. Their families and lawyers were only allowed very limited access to them, and all visits were closely supervised by members of the Security Services.

Amnesty International is informed that Ghazi Suleiman was beaten by a member of the Security Services on the evening of his arrest.

The seven opposition political activists and the owner of the house who was arrested with them on 6 December 2000, remain in custody. They have been held incommunicado since their arrest.

Lawyer Osman Yusif Ibrahim was arrested on 13 February by the Security Services, who searched his offices without a warrant. Osman Yusif is a well-known human rights defender, who provides free legal advice for prisoners of conscience and victims of human rights violations.

His brother Siddig Yusif Ibrahim, an engineer, was arrested the same day. Again, his office was searched without a warrant. A visitor who was in the office at the time, Abdel Hameed Ali, was arrested with him. All three men have been held incommunicado since they were arrested.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Arabic, English or your own language:**

- noting that Ghazi Suleiman and Ali Mahoud Hasanain have been released;
- calling for an investigation into allegations that they were tortured or ill-treated, and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- expressing deep concern for the safety of all those still detained;
- seeking assurances that they are not being tortured or ill-treated and urging the government to make public where they are detained;
- urging that they be given unconditional, immediate and regular access to

their families, legal representatives and any medical attention they may need;  
- calling for them to be released immediately and unconditionally, or else  
charged with a recognizably criminal offence and tried in accordance with  
international standards for fair trial and without resorting to the death  
penalty.

**APPEALS TO:**

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President of the Republic of Sudan  
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**Fax: + 24911 787676/783223**  
**Telegrams: President al-Bashir, Khartoum, Sudan**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

Mr Ali Mohamed Osman Yassin  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
Ministry of Justice  
Khartoum, Sudan  
**Telegrams: Justice Minister, Khartoum, Sudan**  
**Salutation: Dear Minister**

and to diplomatic representatives of Sudan accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 6 April 2001.