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Further information on UA 159/93 (AFR 54/19/93, 18 May 1993) - Fear of Torture\Legal Concern and new concern: death penalty

SUDAN: Colonel Mustafa Ahmad al-Hassan al-Tilib, retired army officer\*  
Lieutenant al-Tayib Nuor al-Daim Mohamed Osman, retired army officer\*  
Gaafar Yassin Ahmad Abdullah, pharmacist\*  
Osman Mahmud Ali Juma\*  
al-Tiraifi al-Tahir al-Tiraifi\*  
Yasir Abu Zeid Ahmad Abu Zeid\*  
al-Hassan Ahmad Salih Mohamed  
Mubarek Ahmad Abdalla Gadeen\*

and new names:

Ahmad Abdel Raouf Karmallah  
Atalla Ali Karmallah  
Kamal al-Din Omar Ahmad Dafallah

the following four have been released:

Abdel Rasoul al-Nur Ismael, former Governor of Kordofan and member of Umma Party

Fadlalla Burma Nasir, former Minister and member of Umma Party

Mirghani 'Abd al-Rahman Suleiman, member of the Democratic Unionist Party

Major-General al-Fatih Mohamed Abdel A'al, retired army officer

there is no new information on the following three:

Colonel Mohamed Hassan Osman al-Zubeir, retired army officer

Haidar al-Tigani, retired army officer

Osman Mustapha Mahjoub

\* note corrected names

Amnesty International has received further information about the first 11 prisoners listed above who were among several individuals arrested in late April and early May 1993 in Khartoum, Sudan's capital. The authorities have announced that they will be brought to trial before a special court on Monday 20 December on charges of plotting against the state, undermining the independence and unity of the country, dealing with a foreign hostile country, espionage, and passing over to a foreign power military and security information and classified documents. Seventeen other individuals currently in exile will be tried on the same charges *in absentia*. Amnesty International is concerned that if found guilty they will be liable to the death penalty.

The authorities have announced that the trial will take place in public and that the accused are to be legally represented. It is not clear, however, whether they will have the right of appeal.

Amnesty International has not learned any further information about the last

three listed above who were originally arrested as part of this group. The organization is increasingly concerned for their physical well-being.

Four others, however, have been released. Major General (retired) al-Fateh Mohamed Abdel A'al was released in May. Mirghani Abdelrahman al-Haj Suleiman was released in August. Fadlalla Burma Nasir and Abdel Rasoul al-Nur were released in September.

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

- explaining Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty;
- expressing the organization's concern that men named above appear to be liable to the death sentence if found guilty;
- requesting assurances that their trial will be fair, in particular that they are being allowed access to the legal representation of their choice and that they will have the right of appeal to a higher court;
- requesting assurances that they have access to their families and any necessary medical attention;
- seeking information on the whereabouts of the three men for whom Amnesty International currently has no further information;
- expressing concern that these three men may still be being held in incommunicado detention and may be at risk of torture.

**APPEALS TO**

1) His Excellency Lieutenant General Omar Hassan al-Bashir  
President of the Republic of the Sudan  
People's Palace  
PO Box 281, Khartoum, Sudan

**Telegrams: Lt Gen Omar Hassan al-Bashir, Khartoum, Sudan**  
**Telexes: 22385 PEPLC SD or 22411 KAID SD**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

2) Brigadier-Engineer 'Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Husayn  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior  
People's Palace  
PO Box 281, Khartoum, Sudan

**Telegrams: Brig-Engineer 'Abd al-Rahim Muhammed Husayn, Khartoum, Sudan**  
**Telexes: 22842 WZARA SD or 22604 IPOL SD**  
**Salutation: Dear Deputy Prime Minister**

3) Mr 'Abd al-Aziz Shiddu  
Minister of Justice and Attorney-General  
Ministry of Justice  
Khartoum, Sudan

**Telegrams: Mr 'Abd al-Aziz Shiddu, Khartoum, Sudan**  
**Telexes: 22459 KHRJA SD or 22461 KHRJA SD (via Ministry of Foreign Affairs)**  
**Salutation: Dear Minister**

**COPIES TO:**

Mr Jalal Ali Lutfi  
Chief Justice, Law Courts  
Khartoum, Sudan

Mr Hussein Suleiman Abu Salih  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
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Dr A. al-Mufti  
Secretary of Human Rights Commission\*  
Khartoum, Sudan

\* The Human Rights Commission is a government-backed body, nominally independent, but apparently created to counter what the government perceives as hostile human rights propaganda.

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 28 January 1994.