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**Fear for Safety**

**SUDAN**

**Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam (m), Director of the Sudan Social Development Organization (SUDO)**

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Human rights activist Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam was arrested at his home in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan at 8.30pm on 28 December 2003. He is now held in Kober Prison in Khartoum North and he is reportedly being interrogated by the National Security Forces. Amnesty International fears for his safety.

It is not known why Dr Mudawi has been detained, and he has not been charged with any offence. He was held for two days in the premises of the National Security before being transferred to Kober prison, where his brother has reportedly been able to visit him. Amnesty International considers him a prisoner of conscience, held solely for his activities in defence of human rights, and is therefore calling for his immediate and unconditional release.

SUDO, a voluntary organisation created to promote sustainable development and human rights, has organized a number of workshops on subjects connected with human rights. It is also engaged in humanitarian activities and has recently provided non-food items to internally displaced persons in Darfur, western Sudan. Darfur is the scene of an internal armed conflict in which armed opposition groups are currently fighting Sudanese Government forces and government-aligned Arab militias

Dr Mudawi recently visited Darfur. Amnesty International has documented a pattern of arrests and torture in connection with the Darfur conflict in the past few months. People suspected of supporting the armed opposition in Darfur are being tortured almost systematically by the National Security forces or the military intelligence, and those seeking or providing information on the region have also been tortured by the security forces. For instance, in May 2003, journalist Yusuf al-Bashir Musa was arrested and badly beaten by the security forces in Darfur. He is still waiting for an investigation into his torture.

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

- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam on the grounds that he is a prisoner of conscience and a human rights defender, detained solely for the peaceful expression of his opinions;
- expressing fears for his safety and calling on the authorities to give assurances that he will not be tortured or ill-treated;
- urging the authorities to allow him immediate and unrestricted access to his family, legal counsel and any medical aid he may need;
- calling on the authorities to put an end to the harassment and detention of human rights activists and members of civil society in Sudan, and to respect their obligations under international law.

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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 16 February 2003.