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**Further Information on UA 289/04 (AFR 54/134/2004, 14 October 2004) Fear of Torture/ Incommunicado Detention/ Fear for Safety**

**SUDAN**

**Saleh Suleiman Adam (m)**

**Released:**

**Salah Beshir Ahmed (m)  
Haroun Ibrahim Adam (m)  
Al-Sadeq Abdallah Abdel Karim (m)  
Abdallah Jibril Arbak (m)  
Amir Bakhit Nour (m)  
Abdallah Ahmed Adam (m)  
Al-Sadeq Abdallah Abdel Mawla (m)  
Yunis Ahmed Abdallah (m)  
Jamal Fakhreddin Hussein (m)  
Abdallah Haroun Hussein (m)  
Adam Adam Mohamed Ibrahim (m)**

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Amnesty International has recently learned that eleven of the twelve men arrested in the town of Tawila, North Darfur State, on 4 October 2004 were released in late November. The remaining man, Saleh Suleiman Adam, is still being held in Shalla prison in al-Fasher and is at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Saleh Suleiman Adam has been able to meet with his lawyer, but is still detained without charge. He is reportedly held on suspicion of being involved in an attack by an armed group on the Commissioner (*Muhafez*) of al-Fasher, in October 2004, as the Commissioner was accompanying a humanitarian convoy to Tawila. One policeman and one member of the Popular Defence Force were reportedly killed in the attack.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Torture has frequently been reported in cases involving detainees believed to be linked to armed opposition groups. Amnesty International delegates who visited al-Fasher in 2004 documented cases of detainees being hospitalised after extremely severe beatings at the hands of the security services. In December 2004, Adam Juma Bakour, one of five men arrested in the town of Marla in South Darfur state, died in custody, reportedly as a result of injuries sustained during torture.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Saleh Suleiman Adam, who was arrested in Tawila in North Darfur State on 4 October 2004, and who is held without charge in Shalla Prison, al-Fasher;
- asking for assurances that he will not be tortured or ill-treated in custody;
- urging the authorities to allow him immediate and unrestricted access to his family, legal counsel and any medical attention he 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 him with a recognizably criminal offence and bring him to justice in accordance with international standards for fair trials, or release him immediately.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation:** Dear Minister

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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 14 March 2005.