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Further Information on UA 85/03 (AFR 54/013/2003, 25 March 2003) Incommunicado Detention/ Prisoner of Conscience (POC)/ Fear of torture or ill-treatment

SUDAN Hussein Ibrahim Gindeel (m) aged 48, human rights defender

Prisoner of conscience Hussein Ibrahim Gindeel was released on 27 March. He had been arrested three days earlier by four plainclothes security officers on the road near his house in Damazin, Blue Nile province in eastern Sudan. He was reportedly detained by the security services at their headquarters in Damazin, but was apparently not ill-treated.

Hussein Ibrahim Gindeel is a senior official in the Ministry of Industry and works in a voluntary capacity as the executive director of the Sudan Social Development Organization (SUDO), a voluntary organisation created to promote sustainable development and human rights. Hussein Ibrahim Gindeel was due to lead a workshop in Damazin on the role of civil society in the peace process on 26 and 27 March. Due to his arrest, however, the workshop was cancelled indefinitely.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action is required from the network.