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Further Information on UA 178/03 (AFR 54/046/2003, 20 June 2003) Fear for safety/fear of torture or ill-treatment/incommunicado detention

SUDAN **Abbas El Tigani (m), aged 26, student**

Released: **Gamar Eldin Mohammed Eisa (m), aged 35**

Gamar Eldin Mohammed Eisa was released without charge on 21 June after being held incommunicado by the security services since 10 June. However, Abbas El Tigani still remains in incommunicado detention and Amnesty International remains concerned for his safety as he may be at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Abbas El Tigani was arrested on 29 May by plain clothed security officers. He is a final year student at El Nilein University in Khartoum and a member of the 10 strong Steering Committee of the Darfur Students Union. Following Abbas El Tigani's arrest, his fellow committee members have reportedly gone into hiding for fear of being arrested.

The Union represents all students from Darfur at universities around the country. It had been prevented from carrying out its work for the last two years by the government, which claimed that it was controlled by the opposition Popular National Congress Party. The Union had recently begun to work again and is preparing to elect its officials. The government however, is allegedly fearful that the elections could produce officials who do not support the ruling party.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Abbas El Tigani who has been held incommunicado since being arrested by the security forces in Khartoum;
- 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 relatives, legal counsel and any medical aid that he may need;
- calling on the government to abide by its commitments under Article 9 of the UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and either charge him with a recognizably criminal offence and give him a prompt and fair trial in accordance with international standards or set him free immediately.

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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 8 August 2003.