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Further Information on UA 359/03 (AFR 54/104/2003, 8 December 2003) - Flogging

SUDAN

Intisar Bakri Abdulqader (f), aged 16

The flogging of Intisar Bakri Abdulqader has been postponed until 23 January.

She was told this on 20 December, when she went to receive the 100 lashes ordered by Kalakla District Court in July for having had illegal sexual intercourse.

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

- urging the authorities to immediately commute the sentence of flogging passed on Intisar Bakri Abdulqader;
- explaining that in your view such a sentence constitutes torture or cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment, and so contravenes international human rights treaties to which Sudan is a party. These include the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which states that "No child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment";
- calling on the government to abolish or suspend the punishment of flogging in Sudanese law to bring it into line with international standards it has ratified.

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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 2 February 2004.