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**Further information on UA 501/90 (AFR 54/43/90, 14 December) - DEATH
PENALTY**

SUDAN

Colonel Abdel-Rahim Mohamed Salih

Amnesty International has learned that Colonel Abdel-Rahim Mohamed Salih's death sentence, which was passed during the first week of December 1990, has been commuted to life imprisonment. This means that the earliest date when he may be released from prison is in 10 years' time.

The army newspaper al-Quwat-al-Musallaha said on Sunday 9 December that Colonel Abdel-Rahim Mohamed had embezzled more than 14 million Sudanese pounds (three million US dollars at the official exchange rate). This was the first death sentence passed for embezzlement since the military takeover in June 1989, since when the number of offences punishable by death has been increased and now includes embezzlement.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/express and airmail letters:

- expressing satisfaction about the commutation of the death sentence imposed on Colonel Abdel-Rahim Mohamed Salih;
- urging the government to review other cases of people sentenced to death with a view to commuting their sentences to more humane forms of punishment.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 21 March 1991.