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Further information on UA 117/93 (AFR 54/11/93, 19 April 1993) - Legal Concern/Fear of Torture

SUDAN: Habib Sarnoub al-Daw, ex-Member of Parliament

Dr Ibrahim al-Amin, ex-cabinet member

Fadlalla Burma Nasir, former State Minister

Siddiq Mohammed el-Tom, student

Ibrahim Ali Abdelgadir Fageer

and his son El-Sadiq Ibrahim

Hamid Mohammed Hadid, lawyer

Ahmed al-Mahdi, uncle of Sadiq al-Mahdi

Mohammed Abdel-Rahim and 20 others (names not known)

Mohammed Yussuf Hassan and nine others (names not known)

Amnesty International has received information that Dr Tayseer Mohammed Ahmed Ali, a lecturer in political science, was not amongst those above who were arrested between 9 April and 16 April 1993.

No further information is available on the other individuals above, reportedly members of the Umma Party, whose leader, Sadiq al-Mahdi, was interrogated for 24 hours on 5 April 1993 after calling for a return to a multi-party political system in Sudan. It appears that the individuals concerned have been arrested on suspicion that members of the Umma Party were engaging in a plot against the government.

Amnesty International is concerned that the above individuals have been arrested solely for engaging in their internationally recognized fundamental right to freedom of expression and association and considers them to be prisoners of conscience. Amnesty International is also concerned that as they appear to be suspected of opposing the government they are likely to have to undergo intensive interrogation with a high risk of torture.

Appeals on behalf of Dr Tayseer Mohammed Ahmed Ali should no longer be sent, although appeals on behalf of the others listed above should continue as set out below.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or Arabic, or in your own language:

- expressing concern at the arrest between 9 and 16 April 1993 of the individuals above who appear to Amnesty International to be prisoners of conscience, that is people imprisoned solely because of exercising their

internationally recognised rights to freedom of expression and freedom of association;

- expressing concern at their continuing detention without charge or trial and fear that they may be subjected to torture;
- urging that they are being humanely treated, that their whereabouts in custody be made public and that they have immediate and regular access to their families, lawyers and any necessary medical attention;
- urging that they be immediately and unconditionally released.

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APPEALS TO

1) His Excellency Lieutenant General Omar Hassan al-Bashir
Head of State and Chairman of the National Salvation Revolutionary Command
Council
People's Palace
PO Box 281
Khartoum, Sudan
Telegrams: Lt Gen Omar Hassan al-Bashir, Khartoum, Sudan
Telexes: 22385 PEPLC SD or 22411 KAID SD

Salutation: Your Excellency

2) Brigadier-General al-Zubeir Mohamed Saleh
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior and Deputy Chairman of the
National Salvation Revolutionary Command Council
People's Palace
PO Box 281
Khartoum, Sudan
Telegrams: Brig-Gen al-Zubeir Mohamed Saleh, Khartoum, Sudan
Telexes: 22842 WZARA SD or 22604 IPOL SD

Salutation: Dear Deputy Prime Minister

3) Mr Abdullah Idris
Minister of Justice and Attorney-General
Ministry of Justice
Khartoum, Sudan
Telegrams: Minister of Justice Idris, Khartoum, Sudan
Telexes: 22459 KHRJA SD or
22461 KHRJA SD (via Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

- 1) Mr Jalal Ali Lutfi
Chief Justice
Law Courts
Khartoum, Sudan
- 2) Mr Ali Sahloul
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
PO Box 873, Khartoum, Sudan

3) Dr A. al-Mufti
Secretary of Human Rights Commission*
Khartoum, Sudan

* The Human Rights Commission is a government-backed body, nominally independent, apparently created to counter what the government perceives as hostile human rights propaganda.

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 June 1993.