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Further information on EXTRA 53/92 (AFR 54/20/92, 19 May 1992) - Death Penalty

**SUDAN:Nasr Hassan Bashir Nasr, former embassy official**  
**Zaki Hassan Bashir Nasr, agriculturalist, businessman**  
**Fadul Sultan Karkola, domestic employee**  
**Mohamedein Suleiman Bakheit, domestic employee**

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The execution of Nasr Hassan Bashir Nasr, reportedly scheduled for 23 May 1992, did not take place but Amnesty International believes he remains under sentence of death. It appears that the government has decided to temporarily postpone carrying out the execution.

Amnesty International is still seeking information about whether Nasr Hassan Bashir Nasr had the opportunity to appeal to a higher court against his conviction and sentence. There has been no official announcement on the fate of the other three men. Amnesty International remains concerned that, like Nasr Hassan Bashir Nasr, the other three men named above are at risk of execution.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Nasr Hassan Bashir Nasr, an official at the Sudanese Embassy in Saudi Arabia until he was recalled to Khartoum and dismissed from the army in December 1991, was arrested on 30 December 1991 at his home in Khartoum North. Arrested with him were his brother, Zaki Hassan Bashir Nasr, who is an agriculturalist and businessman, and **Fadul Sultan Karkola** and **Mohamedein Suleiman Bakheit**, domestic employees of the family. The four men went on trial in February 1992 accused of spying for a foreign country and opponents of the military government. It has been reported that they were tortured while in the custody of the security services. (See UA 09/92, AFR 54/01/92 of 8 January 1992 for more information about Nasr and Zaki Hassan Bashir Nasr).

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

#### **FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters**

- expressing concern at reports that Nasr Hassan Bashir Nasr remains under sentence of death, even though his execution was not carried out as originally scheduled, and seeking clarification about his current situation;
- seeking information on the sentences passed against Zaki Hassan Bashir Nasr, Fadul Sultan Karkola and Mohamedein Suleiman Bakheit;
- enquiring whether Nasr Hassan Bashir Nasr's trial was fair, and in particular

whether the judges had legal training and were independent and impartial;  
- asking whether Nasr Hassan Bashir Nasr has been allowed the right to appeal to a higher court, referring to this as one of the basic safeguards adopted by the United Nations in May 1984 to protect the rights of anyone facing the death penalty;  
- explaining Amnesty International's opposition to the death penalty;  
- appealing for commutation of Nasr Hassan Bashir Nasr's death sentence.

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**APPEALS TO:**

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People's Palace  
PO Box 281  
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2. Brigadier-General al-Zubeir Mohamed Saleh  
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior and Deputy Chairman of the  
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People's Palace  
PO Box 281  
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3. Minister of Justice and Attorney-General  
Ministry of Justice  
Khartoum, Sudan  
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and to diplomatic representatives of SUDAN in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 19 June 1992.