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Further information on UA 124/95 (AFR 54/18/95, 2 June 1995) -Fear of Torture/Possible prisoners of conscience

SUDAN

Fadlalla Burma Nasir, former cabinet minister
Ali al-Omda Abdel Magid, former member of parliament
Abdel Nabi Ali Ahmad, former Governor of Darfur
Tebira Idris Habani, former member of parliament
Ali Hassan Taj al-Din, former member of State Supreme Council
Abu Bakr Abdel Magid al-Amir, secretary to former Prime Minister
Hussein Adam Salama, former secretary of the Umma Party

headquarters

Abdel Mahmud Abu, an Imam of the Ansar religious order
Tirab Tendal, prominent member of the Ansar religious order
Sheik Abdallah Ishaq, imam of the al-Mahdi mosque
Ahmad Musa

Ali Hassan Taj al-Din was released from detention on 25 June 1995, but the other ten men named above are still reportedly detained in Khartoum as part of the government's crackdown on the leadership of the *Ansar*, a traditional order of Sudanese Islam, and the banned Umma party. Dozens of people remain in detention, including the former Prime Minister, the former Attorney General, and at least one former regional governor.

Amnesty International remains concerned that the ten men may be at risk of torture or ill-treated during interrogation and that they may be prisoners of conscience. Reports given by several people who have been released in the past few days state the conditions in detention are harsh and food is inadequate; some have reportedly lost significant amounts of weight.

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

- expressing concern at the continued detention of the ten men named above, who Amnesty International believes may be prisoners of conscience, imprisoned on account of their non-violent opposition to government policies;
- seeking assurances of their physical safety and guarantees that they are not being subjected to torture or ill-treatment;
- urging that they be immediately and unconditionally released unless they are charged with a recognizably criminal offence and brought promptly to a fair trial;
- calling on the Sudan Government to put a stop to arbitrary detention without charge and to the torture and ill-treatment of individuals suspected of being government opponents.

APPEALS TO:

1) His Excellency Lieutenant General

Omar Hassan al-Bashir

President of the Republic of the Sudan

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Salutation: Your Excellency

2) Dr al-Tayib Ibrahim Muhammad Kheir

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Salutation: Dear Minister

3) Mr Ali Osman Muhammed Taha

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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Omdurman, Sudan

* The TNA's Human Rights Committee was created by Sudan's government-appointed Transitional National Assembly in December 1992, apparently to counter what the government perceives as hostile human rights propaganda. The Committee's Chairman has said that it investigates reports of human rights violations.

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 30 August 1995.