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Further information on UA 244/94 (AFR 54/23/94, 22 June 1994) - Fear of Torture

SUDAN:Sadiq al Mahdi, former Prime Minister
Abdel-Rahman Farah, former Security Advisor
Hamad Omar Bagadi, veterinary lecturer

Amnesty International has learned that Sadiq al Mahdi was released on 3 July 1994.

No further action is required on his behalf. Thank you to everyone who sent appeals.

Abdel-Rahman Farah and Hamad Omar Bagadi are still detained and their whereabouts remain unknown. Amnesty International fears that they are at risk of further torture.

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 continued detention of Abdel-Rahman Farah and Hamad Omar Bagadi, who were arrested on 20 May 1994;
- seeking public assurances of their safety and guarantees that they are not being subjected to torture or ill-treatment;
- urging that their whereabouts in custody and grounds for detention be made public and that they are granted immediate and regular access to their family and to legal counsel and any necessary medical treatment;
- urging that they be immediately and unconditionally released if they are being held for their non-violent opinions, and that otherwise they be charged with a recognizably criminal offence and brought promptly to a fair trial.

APPEALS TO

1) His Excellency Lieutenant General

Omar Hassan al-Bashir

President of the Republic of the Sudan

People's Palace

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Salutation: Your Excellency

2) Brigadier-Engineer 'Abd al-Rahim Muhammad Husayn

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Salutation: Dear Deputy Prime Minister

3) Mr 'Abd al-Aziz Shiddu

Minister of Justice and Attorney-General

Ministry of Justice, Khartoum, Sudan

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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* The Human Rights Commission is a government-backed body, nominally independent, but 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 15 August 1994.