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Further information on UA 293/92 (AFR 54/28/92, 18 September 1992) - Fear of extrajudicial executions/torture

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SUDAN: David Tombe - priest
David Kenyi - police officer
Mark Taban - prisons officer
Arkangelo Yugu - police officer
Simon Jada - wildlife officer
James Duling - wildlife office
Sarafino Pitya - accountant
Kennedy Khamis - customs official
Juma Mohamed - taxi driver
Mustafa Abdel Gadir - technician Juba airport
Taban Elisa - assistant manager Juba airport
Joseph Ladu - army officer
Pitia Kenyi - prisons officer
and over 200 other detainees

and new names: Andrew Tombe, aid worker
Aboudwan Talle, aid worker
Mark Laboke Jenner, aid worker
Paulino Gamut - pharmacist
Oliver Mori - employee Radio Juba
Sebit Darfur - rate collector
Katir James - forester
Stephen Daniel - veterinarian
Luis Gore - town planner
Tony Ilario - council official
Faustino Modi - local government official
Marcello Lado - community development worker
Cornelio Longoya - land surveyor
Charles Majok

Amnesty International is seriously concerned about reports of extrajudicial executions and hundreds of detentions in Juba in June, July and August 1992.

The new names listed above were among hundreds of prisoners reportedly arrested between June and August 1992 because the authorities suspect they have been collaborating with the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). The arrests follow SPLA attacks on Juba in June and July 1992.

Andrew Tombe, a Juba-based Sudanese employee of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the official development agency of the US Government, is reported to have been executed in early September 1992 after being convicted of treason in a secret military tribunal. The exact nature of this tribunal is unknown, but the facts that it

was secret and that other military tribunals in Sudan have not conformed to international standards of fair trial means that the trial was unlikely to have been fair. Andrew Tombe was reportedly arrested in early August 1992. There are other reports that **Aboudwan Talle**, also employed by USAID and arrested at the same time, has also been executed.

Employees of other international relief and development organizations are among those reported to have been arrested. Among them is **Mark Laboke Jenner**, a clerk employed at the Juba sub-office of the European Commission, who was arrested in early August 1992.

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The executions of Andrew Tombe and Aboudwan Talle underline the fear that those arrested in Juba between June and August are at grave risk of torture and execution. Amnesty International has received reports about torture in interrogation centres and of several extrajudicial executions of prisoners and unarmed civilians. On 23 June 1992 seven detained southern Sudanese soldiers who are believed to be among those arrested in early June 1992, were reportedly extrajudicially executed. In July 1992 around 200 civilians were reportedly shot dead deliberately by soldiers engaged in house to house searches for SPLA soldiers who had remained in the city after the government had regained control of contested suburbs. On 16 July 1992 a further 40 southern Sudanese prisoners were reportedly extrajudicially executed after nightfall.

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

- expressing serious concern at reports of extrajudicial executions and hundreds of detentions in Juba in June, July and August 1992;
- expressing concern at the reported execution of Andrew Tombe and Aboudwan Talle after trial by secret military tribunal;
- expressing concern that many who remain in incommunicado detention, including the men named above, are at risk of execution, both extrajudicial and judicial, and torture;
- seeking assurances that all detainees are being humanely treated, and urging that their whereabouts in custody are made public and that they have immediate and regular access to their families, lawyers and any necessary medical attention;
- urging that all detainees be immediately and unconditionally released unless they are to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence and tried promptly and fairly;
- urging the government to take immediate steps to end extrajudicial executions and torture in Juba and to bring to justice soldiers and security officials alleged to have been responsible for such violations.

APPEALS TO:

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Head of State and Chairman of the National Salvation Revolutionary Command Council
People's Palace
PO Box 281
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Telegrams: Lt Gen Omar Hassan al-Bashir, Khartoum, Sudan

Telexes: 22385 PEPLC SD or 22411 KAID SD

Salutation: Your Excellency

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

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Salutation: Your Excellency

Mr Abdullah Idris

Minister of Justice and Attorney-General

Ministry of Justice

Khartoum

Telexes: 22459 KHRJA SD or 22461 KHRJA SD (via Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Salutation: Dear Minister

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-Mr Jalal Ali Lutfi, Chief Justice, Law Courts, Khartoum, Sudan.

- Mr Ali Sahloul, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PO BOX 873,
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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 6 November 1992.