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**Further Information on UA 368/03 (AFR 54/107/03, 22 December 2003) and follow-ups (AFR 54/001/2004, 2 January 2004; AFR 54/041/2004, 19 April 2004) - Fear for safety**

**SUDAN**

**Islam Salih Adam Belo (m), journalist**

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Prisoner of conscience Islam Salih Adam Belo was released from Omdurman prison on 25 April.

He had been convicted under Article 66 of the 1991 Sudan Penal Code for "publication of false news" and sentenced to one month in prison on 10 April by Khartoum North Criminal Court. His sentence was reduced to two weeks by the Khartoum Appeal Court on 24 April. The Appeal Court also found Islam Salih Adam Belo not guilty of a separate charge of allegedly obstructing customs officials in the course of their duties, under Article 199 of the Customs and Duties Act.

Officers from the National Security Forces had previously arrested Islam Salih Adam Belo and held him incommunicado for six days. On 18 December 2003, they also closed down the Khartoum office of the independent Arabic *Al-Jazeera* television network.

**Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. Amnesty International will continue to monitor the situation. No further action is required from the network at present.**