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**Further Information on UA 368/03 (AFR 54/107/03, 22 December 2003) Fear for safety**

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**Islam Salih Adam Belo, journalist**

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Islam Salih Adam Belo was released on 24 December after six days without access to his family or a lawyer. He had been held in Kober Prison in the capital, Khartoum.

He was arrested on 18 December 2003 in Khartoum, by the National Security Forces. He was accused of committing crimes against the state by giving out false information harmful to the country; this reportedly related to reports on tuberculosis, landmines and the conflict in Darfur. The National Security Forces have apparently made a complaint to that effect to the National Press Council.

The al-Jazeera office in Khartoum has been closed. The prosecution of Islam Salih Adam Belo is still continuing and he has to report daily to the National Security Forces for interrogation.

**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.**