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Fear of extradition, “disappearance” and extra-judicial execution

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CHAD/SUDAN Adoum Yaya Kot Kot**Yachoub Suleiman****Mahamat Ousmane Gong, members of a Chadian armed opposition group**

Adoum Yaya Kot Kot, Yachoub Suleiman and Mahamat Ousmane Gong, all members of the Chadian armed opposition group, *Alliance Nationale pour la Résistance* (ANR), National Alliance for Resistance, are reported to have been arrested in Sudan on 1 April 1998. Amnesty International fears their imminent extradition to Chad by the Sudanese security forces, where they would be in danger of extra-judicial execution or “disappearance”.

The three men are reported to have been arrested at the market at Siriba, near Saraf Oumra in Sudan. They are currently reported to be held at the prison in the town of El-Fasher. Members of the *Armée nationale tchadienne en dissidence* (ANT/D), Dissident Chadian National Army, who left the Chadian National Army in September 1994 are also members of the ANR. On 3 August 1996, at least four members of the ANT/D, including Ibrahim Souleymane, were forcibly returned to Chad by the Sudanese security forces. They subsequently “disappeared” and Amnesty International has received no further information about their whereabouts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The government of President Idriss Déby in faces continued sporadic armed opposition especially in the south, east and Lake Chad region from a number of armed groups. Some members and supporters of these groups are in exile in neighbouring countries. On a number of previous occasions, Chadian nationals believed to be members of armed groups in exile have been forcibly returned to Chad from neighbouring countries, including Sudan. On their return they have faced arrest, torture and ill-treatment, extrajudicial execution or “disappearance”. These deportations have taken place without any judicial or other extradition procedures, in flagrant violation of international standards including the fundamental principle of *non-refoulement*, which prohibit forcibly returning any person to a country where he or she may be at risk of serious human rights violations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/express/airmail letters in English, Arabic or your own language. AI currently has no fax numbers for these authorities. Those unable to send telegrams or telexes may fax appeals directly to the Sudanese embassy in their country, asking for the appeal to be forwarded onto the authorities in Sudan as a matter of urgency.

- expressing your deep concern that Adoum Yaya Kot Kot, Yachoub Suleiman and Mahamat Ousmane Gong face imminent extradition to Chad, where they may face “disappearance” or extrajudicial execution by the Chadian security forces;
- drawing attention to the fate of at least four men, including Ibrahim Souleymane, who were forcibly returned to Chad from Sudan on 3 August 1996, and subsequently disappeared;
- urging the Sudanese authorities to take immediate steps to prevent the extradition of the three men;
- reminding the Sudanese authorities of their obligation not to forcibly return people to a country where they would be at risk of human rights violations, referring to the principle of *non-refoulement* as set out in the UN Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, the United Nations Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions and other internationally recognized standards.

APPEALS TO:

His Excellency Lieutenant General Omar Hassan al-Bashir
President of the Republic of Sudan
People's Palace
PO Box 281 Khartoum, Sudan

Telegrams: President, Khartoum, Sudan

Salutation: Your Excellency

Mr 'Abd al-Basit Sabdarat
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
Ministry of Justice
Khartoum, Sudan

Telegrams: Justice Minister, Khartoum, Sudan

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Salutation: Dear Minister

Mustafa Osman Ismail
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
PO Box 873 Khartoum, Sudan
Telegrams: Foreign Minister, Khartoum, Sudan
Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES TO:

Monsieur Mahamat Saleh Annadif
Ministre des Affaires Étrangères et de la Coopération
Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et de la Coopération
N'Djaména, Chad

Telegrams: Foreign Affairs Minister, N'Djaména, Chad

Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre

Monsieur Mbailaou Beral Moise
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and to diplomatic representatives of Chad and Sudan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 June 1998.