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## SUDAN

### A new clampdown on political opponents

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Arrests in Port Sudan and Khartoum in late March and early April 1997 underline that the large scale round-up of suspected political opponents begun by the Sudanese authorities on 13 January 1997 continues. Amnesty International has identified over 260 men and women arrested in towns and cities in northern Sudan (see attached list). Most still remain in detention without charge or trial. Some have been denied access to their families and necessary medical treatment. There are reports of torture.

The arrests follow intensified military action in eastern Sudan by armed forces belonging to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), an umbrella organization of banned political parties, trade unions and armed opposition groups in exile. On 12 January 1997 troops from the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and Sudan Alliance Forces (SAF) captured army garrisons north and south of the Blue Nile and the towns of Kurmuk and Geissan close to the Ethiopian border. They then pushed towards the site of an electricity-generating station which supplies Khartoum, Sudan's capital, with much of its power. The Sudanese authorities have accused Ethiopia of invading Sudan, which Ethiopia denies. In March the NDA mounted further attacks on targets close to the border with Eritrea.

The NDA has said that it is aiming to weaken the government to pave the way for a popular uprising in Khartoum. On 21 January Sadiq al-Mahdi, Sudan's Prime Minister ousted in the 1989 coup that brought the current government to power, called on the armed forces to rise against the government. Sadiq al-Mahdi left Sudan clandestinely in late 1996.

Although many of those detained are suspected of being supporters of the NDA, the government has not charged them or produced evidence to suggest that they were involved in violent or treasonable activity. On 29 January Hassan al-Turabi, Speaker of the National Assembly and the ideological mentor of the government, told journalists that the authorities had arrested "10 to 15" men from the Umma Party and Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) in order to prevent disorder. He went on to say that "once we restore our territory, probably they will be released". On the same day President Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir described the arrests as a precautionary measure "that will end when the foreign threat is removed". He indicated that the detainees would not be charged and brought to trial. Amnesty International is concerned that the detainees are facing indefinite detention without charge or trial.

Senior opposition politicians were among the first arrested; many are men who have been detained on several previous occasions. Several members of the banned Umma Party, which is led by Sadiq al-Mahdi, were arrested at their homes before dawn on 13 January. Senior adherents of the *Ansar*, one of Sudan's main Islamic orders (closely connected to the Umma Party), were taken to jail over the next few days; eight others were arrested on 17 February. Detained members of the banned DUP, Sudan's other major political party, include Sid Ahmad al-Hussein, the party's Secretary General and former Deputy Prime Minister. Communists, Ba'athists and members of banned southern Sudanese political parties were also among those arrested.

Scores of trade unionists, students, lawyers, businessmen and others are also detained. They include the leaders of the banned Sudan Workers' Trade Union Federation and many other senior trade unionists. At least 11 doctors have been arrested; the Medical Association was one of many trade unions which played a key role in ousting the government of Ga'afar Nimeiri in a popular uprising in April 1985. Student leaders from Khartoum, al-Ahlia, al-Nilein and Northern Region Universities are also in detention.

Most detainees are reported to be held in a security service-run section of Kober Prison, the country's main jail located in Khartoum North. Conditions are reported to be harsh and crowded. Some had been held incommunicado in security offices and secret detention centres before transfer to Kober. For example, Mohamed Ibrahim Abdu (also known as "Kabaj"), was denied access to his family while being held at an unknown location after his arrest on 10 February. He is a diabetic and only received necessary insulin after his family were finally able to see him in Kober in early March. Other detainees who are reported to be receiving inadequate medical care include the prominent lawyer Ali Mahmud Hassanein and the veteran trade unionist Ali al-Mahi al-Sakhi.

Reports of torture include the beating by security officers of a recently graduated student who was held for several hours on 16 March and forced to strip naked. This treatment was described as "a graduation present". He was told that every time the opposition attacked in the east he would be re-arrested and beaten again.

On 13 January, the day the round-up started, Dr Gáspár Bíró, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Sudan, arrived in Khartoum at the start of a scheduled visit. On 14 January the authorities told him that they "were not able to guarantee his safety" because of the "anger of the Sudanese masses" at the military threat in the east. The Special Rapporteur left Sudan after one day. Amnesty International believes that the government's action amounted to expelling the Special Rapporteur at a time when it was engaged in arresting political opponents.

Amnesty International is calling on the Sudan Government to release prisoners detained unless they are to be charged with a recognisably criminal offence and brought promptly to a fair trial. The organization is also calling for detainees to be allowed access to lawyers, their families and all necessary medical treatment. Reports of torture should be investigated and those responsible brought to justice.

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**Appendix One****Arrests reported in Sudan between January and March 1997**

- 1 Abdel Nabi Ali Ahmad, University lecturer  
& former Regional Governor
- 2 Adam Yousif, *Ansar*
- 3 Fadl al-Nur Mohamed Jabir, Umma party
- 4 Fadlalla Burma Nasir, former Minister
- 5 Hashim Awad Abdel Magid, Lawyer
- 6 Omer Mohamed Omer, *Ansar*
- 7 Mohamed Mahil, *Ansar*
- 8 Ali al-Omda Abdel Magid, *Ansar*
- 9 Mohamed Satti Ali Mohamed, *Ansar*
- 10 Mahdi Abderahman Ali, Businessman
- 11 Mohamed al-Mahdi Hassan, Imam *al-Ansar*  
mosque
- 12 al-Fadl Adam Ismail, Umma party
- 13 Ibrahim Ali, Office Director of the former  
Prime Minister **Released**
- 14 Abdel Mahmud Haj Saleh, former Minister  
**Released**
- 15 al-Haj Abdelrahman Abdallah Nugdullah,  
former Minister
- 16 Abdel Rasoul al-Nur, former Governor
- 17 Mohamed Ismail al-Azhari, Democratic  
Unionist party **Released**
- 18 Mustafa Abdel Gadir, Lawyer
- 19 Bakri Ahmad Adil, former Minister
- 20 Ali Mahmud Hassanein, Lawyer
- 21 Nagib Nejm al-Din Hassan al-Tom, Doctor
- 22 Fadlalla Mohamed Hashim, Bank employee
- 23 Yahya Ali Abdalla, Trade unionist  
**Reporting to security daily**
- 24 Abdel Latif Gimiabi, Umma Party
- 25 Bushra Mahdi Bushra, Umma Party, student  
**Released**
- 26 Ismail Adam Ali
- 27 al-Fadl Ahmad Diab, Civil servant
- 28 Mohamed al-Sil, Worker
- 29 Babu Shaafi
- 30 Mohamed Mahjub Mohamed Ali, Trade  
unionist, accountant
- 31 Ali Ahmad al-Said, Lawyer
- 32 Jamal Abdel Rahman, Musician
- 33 Mohamed al-Hassan Nourain, Engineer
- 34 Yahya Mudalal, Trade unionist
- 35 Saudi Darraj, Trade unionist
- 36 Taha Sid Ahmad, Trade unionist
- 37 Abdalla Mohamed Malik, Trade unionist  
**Released**
- 38 Nasr Ali Nasr, Trade unionist
- 39 Kamil Abdel Rahman al-Sheik, Trade unionist  
**Reporting to security daily**
- 40 Siddiq Youssif al-Nur, Engineer, communist
- 41 al-Haj Karoum, Communist
- 42 Mohamed Adam, Trade unionist
- 43 Awad al-Karim Mohamed Ahmad, Trade  
unionist
- 44 Abdel Karim Karoma, Businessman
- 45 Abdel Aziz al-Rufa'i, Trade unionist
- 46 Gaafar Bakri, Trade unionist, communist
- 47 Kouko, Communist
- 48 Mohamed Abdin Osman, Democratic Unionist  
Party
- 49 Ali al-Simat, President of Rail Workers Union  
**Reporting to security daily**
- 50 Sid Ahmad al-Hussein, Democratic Unionist  
Party, former Deputy Prime Minister
- 51 Hashim Babiker Tulub, Trade unionist
- 52 Osman Hassan Sorkati, Doctor  
**Reporting to security daily**
- 53 Fadl al-Nur
- 54 Abdel Rahman Nugdalla, Businessman
- 55 al-Tijani Mustapha, Lawyer
- 56 Farouq Kadoda, Lecturer, communist
- 57 Mahjoub al-Zubeir, Trade unionist
- 58 al-Hadi Abdel Aziz
- 59 Taha Sid Ahmad, Trade unionist
- 60 Salah Abdel Karim, Economist
- 61 Adam Madibu, Former Minister
- 62 al-Fadl Mahir
- 63 Mohamed Suleiman, Trade unionist  
**Released**
- 64 Abdel Jalil Karoma, Worker
- 65 Mohamed Di'a al-Din, Trade unionist
- 66 Ali Khalifa, Trade unionist
- 67 Mansour Hassan, Imam Majid
- 68 Mohamed Babiker Mokhtar, Trade unionist  
**Released**
- 69 Sayed Haroun
- 70 Jad Karim, Businessman
- 71 Mubarak
- 72 Sabir
- 73 Nur al-Din Medani, Office manager al-Khaleej  
newspaper
- 74 Samira Hassan Ali Karrar, \_ Human rights  
activist **Released**
- 75 Osman Idris Abu Ras, Ba'ath party
- 76 Mohamed Dia al-Din, Ba'ath party
- 77 Abdel Moneim Ahmad al-Haj, Communist  
**Released**
- 78 al-Tijani Hussein Dafallah al-Sid, Ba'ath party
- 79 Ishaq Ibrahim, Ba'ath party
- 80 Abdel Mahmud Abbo
- 81 al-Tahir al-Rigayek, Trade unionist
- 82 Mohamed al-Mahil, Doctor
- 83 Abdel Karim Abdel Galil, Trade unionist
- 84 Mirghani Yousif
- 85 'Abd al-Fateh al-Rufa'i, Trade unionist

- 86 Taj al-Din al-Bashir, Vet  
87 Yahya Mukwar, Doctor  
88 Abdel Wahab Khojali  
89 Moatisim Abdel Rahim Medani, Lawyer  
90 Sifay Hadish, Ethiopian  
91 Areha Tesfay, Ethiopian  
92 Mouez Haile Selassie, Ethiopian  
93 Woldegabriel Berhata, Ethiopian
- 94 Hagos Haile Mariam, Ethiopian  
95 Yohanes Tsegay, Ethiopian  
96 Desta Negga, Ethiopian  
97 Woldu, Ethiopian  
98 Abaye, Ethiopian  
99 Goitom, Ethiopian  
100 Halfome, Ethiopian  
101 Habtu, Ethiopian  
102 Habtamu, Ethiopian  
103 Mekonnen Godefi, Ethiopian **Released**  
104 Abdel Gadir al-Gilani  
105 Mohamed Abdel Rahman Abu Shanab  
106 Amin al-Rabi'e, Businessman  
107 Ali Mahjub  
108 Mohamed Abdullah al-Meshawi, Lawyer  
109 al-Tahir Khalil, Bank employee  
110 Tabera Habani, Businessman  
111 al-Hadi Tanjur  
112 Abdel Rahman Kajur  
113 Mauwia al-Din Osman Mohamed  
114 Deng Awak Achan  
115 al-Fateh Gharballah  
116 Mohamed Osman Abu Ras  
117 al-Haj Osman al-Hassan, Trade unionist  
118 Shehab al-Din Ahmad Gaafar, Lab technician  
119 Adil Abdu, Journalist  
120 al-Haj Osman Mohamed, Businessman  
121 Minallah Abdelwahab, Trade unionist  
122 Mokhtar Abdullah  
123 Ali al-Mahi al-Sakhi, Trade unionist  
124 Mustapha Zaki al-Hakim  
125 Adil Saleh Mukwar, Businessman  
126 Abdel Gadir Fahmi  
127 Amin al-Shawafa, Businessman **Released**  
128 Deng Wuol, Doctor  
129 Ishaq al-Gassim Shadat, Lawyer  
130 Abdel Rahim Mabiou  
131 Salah Haroun, Doctor  
**Reporting to security daily**  
132 Hassan 'Abd al'ati, Lecturer  
**Reporting to security daily**  
133 Ahmad Mirghani  
134 Abbas al-Subiya, Businessman  
135 al-Tayeb Kanouna, Civil servant  
136 Hassan Abu Zeid, Agriculturalist  
137 Mohamed Hamad Nadim  
138 Mamoun Mohamed Hussain, Doctor
- 139 Sabri Fakri  
140 'Abd al-Aziz Mohamed al-Amin, Brigadier in army  
141 'Abd al-Rahim Hamid Fadl, Brigadier in army (retired)  
142 al-Ha Langi, Brigadier in army  
143 Mohamed Hamed Ahmad, Brigadier in army  
144 Sayid 'Abd al-Karim, Lieutenant colonel in army (retired)  
145 Omar 'Abd al-Majid, Lieutenant colonel in army  
146 Ezekiel Kodi, former minister  
147 Joshua Dau Diu, School owner  
148 Kwai Malak, Teacher  
149 Mustafa Ahmad Ibrahim, Student al-Ahlia University **Released**  
150 John Michael, Driver **Released**  
151 Widaat Hassan Ali Karrar, \_ Human rights activist **Released**  
152 Mohamed Ahmad al-Rayah, Brigadier in army (retired )  
153 Yousif al-Habum, Ba'ath party  
154 Abu Khalid al-Mahi, Ba'ath party  
155 Usama Mohia Abdel Majid, Ba'ath party  
156 Moataz Hassan, Ba'ath party  
157 Mohamed al-Simat  
158 Mohamed Abdallah al-Duma  
159 Yahya Malik  
160 Mustapha Abdel Gadir, Lawyer  
161 Sadiq Yahya, Trade unionist,  
162 Dr Hashim  
163 al-Tijani Da'oud, Trade unionist  
164 Mohamed Abdel Nabi, Doctor  
165 Ali Yousif, Academic  
166 Abakar al-Tayib  
167 Sirr al-Khatim  
168 Adil al-Mardi, Civil servant  
**Reporting to security daily**  
169 Atif Hassan, Student al-Ahlia University  
170 Ahmad Hassan  
171 Rashad Hamid al-Said  
172 al-Zoheir Khalil  
173 Abdel Rahman Sharif Mamoun, Graduate **Released**  
174 Sidiq Sharif Mamoun, Graduate al-Ahlia University  
175 Mohamed Ibrahim Abdu "Kabaj"

- 176 Mohamed al-Howar, *Ansar* Affairs Secretariat
- 177 Abdel Karim al-Amin al-Malih, *Ansar* Affairs Secretariat
- 178 al-Faki Abdallah Ishaq, *Ansar* Affairs Secretariat
- 179 Abbas Awad al-Karim, *Ansar* Affairs Secretariat
- 180 Mohamed Musa, *Ansar* Affairs Secretariat
- 181 Abdallah Adam Ali, *Ansar* Affairs Secretariat
- 182 Sabur Abdel Rahman, *Ansar* Affairs Secretariat
- 183 Abdel Rahman Mohamed Issa, *Ansar* Affairs Secretariat
- 184 Babiker Deqna, Businessman
- 185 Adam Farajallah, Civil servant (retired)
- 186 Ismail Bilol, Civil servant (retired)
- 187 Mohamed Mohamed Tom, Trade unionist
- 188 Jalal al-Din al-Sayed, Lawyer
- 189 Ali Qurun, Businessman
- 190 Yasir Issa, Bank employee
- 191 Bashir Hamid Suleiman, Trade unionist
- (retired)
- 192 Ahmad Adam, Student of Majid al-Imam ‘Abd al-Rahman
- 193 Sadiq Shams al-Din, Driver
- 194 Abdelrahman al-Siddiq Mustapha, Businessman
- 195 al-Sadiq Babiker, Businessman
- 196 Adam Ibrahim, Graduate
- 197 Adam Abu Taqiya, Security officer
- 198 Mohamed Ahmad Jakumi, Businessman
- 199 Sadiq Mohamed Tom, Graduate
- 200 Ibrahim Musa, Worker
- 201 Ahmad Babiker Nihar, Doctor
- 202 Ahmad Bishara, Businessman
- 203 Omar Faiq, Lab technician
- 204 Mahmud Ahmad al-Zubeir, Labourer
- 205 Ismail Wali, Student Khartoum University
- 206 Abdelgadir Nasr, Businessman
- 207 Mohamed al-Hassan, Doctor
- 208 Mahmud Kharif, Trade unionist
- 209 Ahmad Mohamed Ahmad, Trade unionist
- 210 Mohamed al-Mahdi, Doctor
- 211 Isam al-Shubagi, Student al-Nilein University
- 212 Imad al-Amin, Graduate Khartoum University
- 213 Omar Mohamed Ali, Student Khartoum University
- 214 Yasir Abdel Hamid, Student Khartoum University
- 215 Mohamed Farouq, Student Khartoum University
- 216 Usama Siddiq Youssif, Student al-Ahlia University
- 217 Tariq Abdel Majid, Student al-Ahlia University
- 218 Usama Said, Student al-Ahlia University
- 219 Mohamed Taj al-Sirr, Student al-Nilein University
- 220 Mamoun Ibrahim Karrar, Student al-Nilein University
- 221 Osman al-Sair, Student al-Ahlia University
- 222 Ali Mohamed Osman al-Simat, Student al-Ahlia University
- 223 Issa Ahmad Issa, Colonel in army (retired)
- 224 Adam Musa, Umma party
- 225 Khatim Hassan al-Tahir, Umma party
- 226 Sidiq Mohamed Tom, Umma party
- 227 Mubarek Mohamed Saleh, Umma party
- 228 Mohamed Adam, Umma party
- 229 Mohamed Zaki, Umma party
- 230 Nasr Mohamed Nasr, Umma party
- 231 Yousif al-Nur Hamed, Umma party
- 232 Yousif Mohamed al-Agab, Umma party
- 233 Abdelkarim al-Jabalabi, Umma party
- 234 Abdalla Ahmad Adam, Umma party
- 235 Salih Abdel Mahmud al-Haj Saleh, Student Khartoum University
- 236 Isam Mohamed Farah, Student al-Nilein University
- 237 Abdelrahman Adam, Student al-Nilein University
- 238 Yousif Mohamed Salih, Student al-Nilein University
- 239 Ibtisam al-Said Abdalla, \_ Student Northern Region University
- 240 Tahani Bashir Mohamed Ali, \_ Student Northern Region University

- 241 Afaf Haidar Mohamed al-Haj, \_ Student  
Northern Region University
- 242 Qesma Mohamed Ahmad Kafour, \_ Student  
Northern Region University
- 243 Muna Mustapha Khalid, \_ Student Northern  
Region University
- 244 Mohamed Idris Ali, Student Northern Region  
University
- 245 Hamid Abdelhakim Hederbi, Student Northern  
Region University
- 246 Hassan al-Samani, Student Northern Region  
University
- 247 Hamza Abdelkarim Abdelazim, Student  
Northern Region University
- 248 Ramadhan Jadallah, Student Northern Region  
University
- 249 Abbas Abdelkarim Abdelazim, Student  
Northern Region University
- 250 Abdelmottalib Abdelazim, Student Northern  
Region University
- 251 Abdelmottalib Abdalla al-Sheikh, Student  
Northern Region University
- 252 Mohamed Said Mohamed al-Kheir
- 253 Sid Ahmad al-Khatib, Doctor
- 254 Kheirallah Rahamtalla Koko
- 255 al-Sir Khedir
- 256 al-Sadiq al-Fadl Sail
- 257 Atif Yousuf Ahmad Dau al-Beit, Student  
Khartoum University
- 258 Jalal Ismail Awadallah, Businessman
- 259 Abdallah Musa, Port worker
- 260 'Abd al-Rahman al-Amin, Trade unionist
- 261 Bedawi Abdallah, Democratic Unionist Party
- 262 Moatism Siyam, Trade unionist
- 263 Adam Mohamed Sharif, Lawyer
- 264 Hussein Saleh, Lawyer
- 265 Ahmad Abdel Hafiz, Lawyer
- 266 Sara Abdallah Abdelrahman Nugdallah, \_  
Umma party