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**Further Information on UA 135/03 (AFR 54/034/2003, 15 May 2003) Fear for safety / fear of torture / incommunicado detention**

**SUDAN**

Yusuf Arkoi Minawi (m), aged 45  
Sherif Ahmad Ilaga, aged 38  
Ramadan Jabir Nahar (m), aged 35  
Dawood Mohammad (m), aged 55  
Zakaria Mohammad (m), aged 70  
Yunis Mohammad Banni (m), aged 25  
Mandi Mamoun (m), aged 55

**New names:**

Siddid Abdel Rahman (m), aged 28  
Khalil Abdel Rahman (m), aged 26

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Amnesty International has recently learned that Siddid Abdel Rahman and Khalil Abdel Rahman were arrested by the national security service in Darfur region, western Sudan, in early May. There are grave concerns for their safety.

It is thought that Siddid Abdel Rahman and Khalil Abdel Rahman have also been arrested in connection with the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) attacks on the airport of El Fasher in Darfur on 24 April. Their whereabouts are unknown and they are at risk of being tortured by security forces in detention.

The seven other men named above were arrested in late April and early May in connection with the SLA attacks on El Fasher and are being held incommunicado. Amnesty International has received no further information on their fate.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Arabic, English or your own language:**

- expressing grave concern for the safety of Siddid Abdel Rahman and Khalil Abdel Rahman, who were arrested by the national security service in Darfur state in early May, in connection with the Sudan Liberation Army attacks on El Fasher on 24 April;
- expressing continued concern for the safety of Ramadan Jabir Nahar, Yusuf Arkoi Minawi, Dawood Mohammad, Sherif Ahmad Ilaga, Zakaria Mohammad, Yunis Mohammad Banni and Mandi Mamoun; who were detained in connection with the same attacks by the Sudan Liberation Army;
- urging the authorities to allow all nine detainees immediate and unrestricted access to their relatives, legal counsel and any medical aid they may need;
- calling on the authorities to give assurances that the detainees will not be tortured or ill-treated;
- calling on the government to abide by its commitments under Article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and either charge the detainees with a recognizably criminal offence and give them a prompt and fair trial in accordance with international standards or set them free immediately.

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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 9 July 2003.