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Further Information on UA 76/03, (AFR 54/012/2003, 18 March 2003) Fear of torture or ill-treatment/incommunicado detention / detention without charge/possible prisoner of conscience

SUDAN Edward Terso Lado (m), journalist

Prisoner of conscience Edward Terso Lado was released on 29 March. He had been arrested at the office of the *Khartoum Monitor* newspaper by members of the security forces on 11 March. He was initially taken to the office of the security forces, before being transferred to the security wing of Kober prison.

Whilst in prison, he was extensively interrogated about the organisation and structure of the newspaper. He was also threatened with "serious consequences" if he wrote any more articles which the security forces considered could 'incite the public or cause racial hatred'. Following an appeal by the newspaper editor to the head of the security forces, Edward Terso Lado was released on the condition that he would be reprimanded by the newspaper, which consequently suspended him for 15 days without pay.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action is required from the network.