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Further Information on UA 02/04 (AFR 54/002/2004, 05 January 2004) - Fear for safety and new concern: fear of unfair trial

SUDAN Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam (m), Director of the Sudan Social Development Organization (SUDO)

Human rights activist Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam has been charged with offences that carry the death penalty, and is at risk of an unfair trial. Amnesty International considers him a prisoner of conscience, held solely for his activities in defence of human rights.

On 8 February he was brought before the Attorney General and charged with crimes against the state under Articles 50, 51, 56, 63 and 64 of the penal Code. Article 50 relates to undermining the constitutional system or the unity of the country and 51 relates to waging war against the state, or supporting those who do so. Both are punishable by death and do not allow release on bail.

He is now held in police custody together with ordinary prisoners and has been allowed to see his wife and lawyer in the presence of police. He is apparently not allowed books or newspapers, but is allowed to watch TV. He has not been not ill-treated or tortured.

Dr Mudawi was arrested at his home in Khartoum on 28 December 2003 after visiting the troubled area of Darfur. He was first held under Article 31 of the National Security Forces Act in the National Security Centre and in the political section of Kober prison. He went on hunger strike demanding to be released or charged. He ended the hunger strike after two days, when he was brought before the Attorney General.

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

- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam on the grounds that he is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for his peaceful activities in defence of human rights;
- urging the authorities to allow him access to his family, and confidential access to legal counsel;
- calling on the authorities to put an end to the harassment and detention of human rights activists and members of civil society in Sudan, and to respect their obligations under international law

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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 1 April 2004.