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Further Information on UA 309/03 (AFR 54/092/2003, 30 October 2003) - Fear of amputation

SUDAN **Mohamed Hassan Hamdan (m), aged 16, member of the Ja'afra ethnic group (an Arab group in South Darfur)**

It is now known that the sentence of cross amputation passed on Mohamed Hassan Hamdan was quashed in December 2003 by the Appeal Court in Nyala, South Darfur state, on the grounds that the accused was a child.

The sentence was commuted to a year of imprisonment in a reformatory. Mohamed Hassan Hamdan has now been sent to a reformatory in the capital, Khartoum.

External pressure from the UA network was reportedly one factor which led the authorities to reconsider the sentence.

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