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Further Information on UA 350 / 02 (AFR 54/037/2002, 03 December 2002) and follow-up (AFR 54/038/2002, 20 December 2002) Incommunicado detention / detention without charge / fear of torture

SUDAN

Hashem al-Tayeb Yusuf (m), aged 23, student - released  
Al-Shafi' al-Tayeb Yusuf, (m) aged 27, teacher

New name:

Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf (m), aged 35, teacher

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Hashem al-Tayeb Yusuf was reportedly released on 15 January 2003. Al-Shafi' al-Tayeb Yusuf remains detained without charge or access to lawyers or judicial review at Kober Prison in Khartoum North. Their brother, Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf, has now been detained and Amnesty International fears he is at risk of torture and prolonged incommunicado detention.

Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf was arrested by the security forces at around 10am on 24 April, at the al-Sudan school in Kalakla, a suburb of the capital Khartoum. He is now being held incommunicado, reportedly in the political section of Kober Prison and may already have been tortured.

Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf, a member of the Democratic Front (an alliance including the Sudan Communist Party) was a teacher and a former student leader at al-Nilein University in Khartoum. He was previously detained by the security forces in 1991 and 1993. In 1996 he was held for five months and reportedly tortured. He had been in hiding since 29 November 2002, when security services arrested his three brothers in an apparent attempt to force Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf to give himself up. The brothers, Al-Shafi, Hashem and Khidder al-Tayeb Yusuf, were all held incommunicado and severely beaten by the security forces immediately after arrest. Khidder al-Tayeb Yusuf was released without charge on 16 December.

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

- expressing grave concern at the arrest of Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf on 24 April, and at the continued incommunicado detention of Al-Shafi' al-Tayeb Yusuf, who was detained on 29 November 2002;
- expressing concern that Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf is at risk of torture, and urging the authorities to guarantee that he will be treated humanely in detention;
- urging the authorities to make public the whereabouts of Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf;
- calling on the authorities to grant both Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf and Al-Shafi' al-Tayeb Yusuf access to relatives, lawyers and any medical treatment they require;
- calling on the authorities to either charge Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf and Shafi' al-Tayeb Yusuf with a recognisably criminal offence and try them in accordance to international standards of fair trial, or release them 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 11 June 2003.