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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 and AFR 54/028/2003, 30 April 2003) - Torture/Incommunicado detention/ detention without charge

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

Released: Al-Shafi' al-Tayeb Yusuf (m) aged 27, teacher

Al-Shafi' al-Tayeb Yusuf was released on 5 May 2003 from Kober prison.

His brother, Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf remains in detention and was seen in the political section of Kober prison by other detainees. Though held in the same prison, the two brothers were not able to meet.

Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf was reportedly beaten when arrested by the security forces on 24 April. He had previously been detained in 1991 and 1993. In 1996, he was held for five months, during which he was reportedly tortured. He had been in hiding since 29 November 2002, when security services arrested his three brothers in an apparent attempt to force him to give himself up.

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

- welcoming the release of Al-Shafi' al-Tayeb Yusuf, but expressing grave concern at the continuing detention of his brother Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf;
- expressing concern at reports that Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf was beaten by the security forces;
- urging the authorities to grant him immediate access to medical treatment, relatives and legal counsel;
- calling on the authorities to give assurances that Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf will not be further tortured or ill-treated by security forces;
- urging the authorities to either charge him with a recognisably criminal offence and try him in accordance with international standards of fairness, or release him immediately;
- calling on the authorities to open an investigation into reports of beatings on Lenin al-Tayeb Yusuf and bring anyone found responsible to justice.

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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 25 June 2003.