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Further Information on UA 10/04 (AFR 54/006/2004, 9 January 2004) and follow-up (AFR 54/018/2004, 18 February 2004; AFR 54/030/2004, 18 March 2004) - Fear of safety / fear of torture and ill treatment / incommunicado detention

SUDAN
Released: Al-Fadi Tambour (m), teacher
Abdel Shafie Issa Mustafa (m), former Sudan Textile employee
Ahmed Hassan Abdel Rahman (m), banker
Ahmed Taher Ahmed Shattah (m), electronic technician
Hashem Hammam (m), student
Mohammad Abdallah Duma (m), lawyer and former Minister of Local
Government
Mohammad Harun Mohammed (m), lawyer
Mohammad Omer (m), student
New names: Al-Tayib Mohammed Daf'alla (m)
Abdel Karim Araka Tibin (m)
Al-Fadel Adam Mohammed Nurain (m)
Abdel Mannan Abdel Mawla (m)
Adam Abaker Hamed (m)
Alyan Ali Mohammed (m)
Harun Idris Hassan (m)
Ibrahim Musa Ahmed (m)
Mohammed Abdel Karim Abdallah (m)
Mohammed Al-Hafez Ali (m)
Abdallah Yusuf Mohammed Abdallah (m)
Ali Mansour Hasaballah (m)

Al-Fadi Tambour, Al-Tayib Mohammed Daf'alla, Abdel Karim Araka Tibin, Al-Fadel Adam Mohammed Nurain, Abdel Mannan Abdel Mawla, Adam Abaker Hamed, Alyan Ali Mohammed, Harun Idris Hassan, Ibrahim Musa Ahmed, Mohammed Abdel Karim Abdallah and Mohammed Al-Hafez Ali, are being held at Nyala Security Centre, South Darfur, without charge or trial. The men have reportedly been tortured or ill-treated and concerns remain for their safety. Abdallah Yusuf Mohammed Abdallah and Ali Mansour Hasaballah are also being detained without charge or trial and are at risk of torture and ill-treatment however it is not known where they are being held. All the men are reportedly being held on suspicion of involvement with the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA).

Scores of detainees arrested in connection with the conflict in Darfur remain in detention, often incommunicado, in Darfur and other parts of Sudan and are at risk of torture and ill-treatment. These detainees are being held in prisons and detention centres in Darfur and in other parts of Sudan despite an agreement to free all detainees linked to the conflict which was part of the ceasefire agreement signed on 8 April 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Conflict in Darfur has intensified since February 2003 when the SLA and later the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) took up arms against the government. They complained about lack of government protection for agricultural ethnic groups from attacks by nomad militias and the marginalisation and underdevelopment of the region. The Sudan government then gave free rein to the nomadic militias known as the Janjawid to attack the villages of the mainly agricultural ethnic groups, such as the Fur, Masalit and

Zaghawa. The Janjawid are now supported and funded by the government; they wear uniform and continue to attack, kill, rape and abduct civilians. About a million people have fled from their burnt villages and have taken refuge in towns in Darfur, while more than 110,000 have crossed the border into Chad.

Under a ceasefire agreement which came into effect on 11 April, the Sudan Government agreed to release all detainees held in connection with the conflict. However, dozens still remain in detention and arrests continue to take place.

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

- expressing grave concern for the safety of Al-Fadi Tambour, Al-Tayib Mohammed Daf'alla, Abdel Karim Araka Tibin, Al-Fadel Adam Mohammed Nurain, Abdel Mannan Abdel Mawla, Adam Abaker Hamed, Alyan Ali Mohammed, Harun Idris Hassan, Ibrahim Musa Ahmed, Mohammed Abdel Karim Abdallah, Mohammed Al-Hafez Ali, who remain in detention in Nyala Security Centre and of Abdallah Yusuf Mohammed Abdallah and Ali Mansour Hasaballah whose whereabouts are unknown;
- calling on the government to reveal the whereabouts of Abdallah Yusuf Mohammed Abdallah or Ali Mansour Hasaballah;
- calling on the government to ensure that all arrested are treated humanely and allowed prompt access to lawyers and family;
- calling on the government to also abide by its commitments under Article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and either charge the detainees with a recognizably criminal offence and bring them to justice in accordance with international standards for fair trials, or release them immediately;
- calling on the government to publicly condemn all incidents of torture in detention centres in Sudan;
- calling on the government to investigate allegations of torture in detention centres in Darfur and to ensure that those responsible are arrested and brought to justice in accordance with international standards of fair trial.

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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 2004.