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Further Information on UA 232/03 (AFR 54/067/2003, 01 August 2003) Fear for safety / fear of torture or ill-treatment / incommunicado detention

SUDAN	Hamdi Sebit (m), aged 26, engineering student] Released
	Michael Kustober (m), aged 27, education student	
	Mohammed Ibrahim (m), aged 29, sociology student	

Hamdi Sebit, Michael Kustober and Mohammed Ibrahim were released from the security forces' premises in Bahri-Raafa, North of Khartoum on 2 August, at around 1am. They were driven in blindfolds by members of the security forces to al-Kalakela-East, South of Khartoum and set free. They have not been charged with any offence.

The three students were arrested by members of the security forces at Juba University (please note corrected spelling) on 31 July. They were detained incommunicado, in separate cells for two days and tortured repeatedly in order to obtain information regarding their political affiliations. Hamdi Sebit and Michael Kustober will need adequate medical care to recover from the injuries and trauma they sustained as a result of torture. Mohammed Ibrahim was heard screaming as he was reportedly being tortured whilst in detention. However since his release, his current whereabouts and medical condition are unknown.

Hamdi Sebit was asked to report to the security forces office three times a week. Michael Kustober was warned not to engage in political activities anymore.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No more action is required from the Urgent Action network. We will continue campaigning on this case through other means.