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NOTIS



Sudanese Victims of Torture
Group.

1. Med baggrund i en konkret henvendelse fra Rigspolitichefen, Modtagecenter Sandholm, aflagde ambassaden d.d. besøg hos "Sudanese Victims of Torture Group" (SVTG), hvor man havde en samtale med den daglige leder, Omer H. Mohammadian.

2. SVTG's hovedafdeling har hjemsted i London (se vedlagte brochure). Kontoret i Kairo er således en filial af hovedafdelingen i London.

SVTG's kontor i Kairo har været gennem en reorganisering sidste år. Hvor kontoret tidligere blev drevet af frivillige, har man pr. 1.5.1998 fra SVTG i London stillet midler til rådighed med henblik på ansættelse af 4 fuldtidsansatte medarbejdere. Man er desuden flyttet til andre lokaler.

3. De personer, der henvender sig til kontoret i Kairo, gennemgår et interview, hvorunder det søges konstateret om de har været udsat for tortur. Hvis der målte vise sig behov for behandling af en person, der synes at have været udsat for tortur, har SVTG mulighed for henvise vedkommende til den egyptiske organisation "El Nadin Centre for Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture and Violence", som kan tilbyde medicinsk og psykologisk bistand. SVTG har ikke selv mulighed for at tilbyde behandling, men kan i visse tilfælde tilbyde økonomisk støtte til at dække torturfrenes leveomkostninger i op til et par måneder.

Ambassaden har ved henvendelse til El Nadin Centre fået bekræftet, at der eksisterer et henvisningssamarbejde med SVTG.

I den forbindelse skal det bemærkes, at El Nadin Centre er særligt velkendt af ambassaden, idet organisationen igennem flere år har modtaget økonomisk støtte over ambassadens lokale bevillingskompetence.

4. Hr. Mohammadian oplyste, at man gennem nogle år havde udstedt erklæringer til enkeltpersoner, der angav at disse

havde været udsat for tortur. Adspurgte om hvorledes man efterprøvede oplysningen, der blev fremlagt af personer, som måtte ønske en sådan erklæring, oplyste hr. Mohammadian, at SVTG bl.a. havde en illegal afdeling i Sudan, der bistod med at undersøge sagerne. Hr. Mohammadian erkendte dog, at man tidligere, hvor kontoret havde været drevet udelukkende på grundlag frivillig arbejdskraft, ikke altid havde været lige omhyggelig med at efterprøve de oplysninger, man var blevet præsenteret for.

Direkte adspurgte kunne hr. Mohammadian ikke afvise, at der i enkelte tilfælde kunne være blevet afgivet direkte fejlagtige erklæringer. Hr. Mohammadian understregede dog, at man efter reorganiseringen af kontoret var blevet langt mere nøjeregnende og gjorde meget for at undersøge de oplysninger, man blev præsenteret for. Man havde udarbejdet en ny type brevpapir (kopi vedlægges) og alle erklæringer var forsynet med løbenummer. En kopi af erklæringen, hvorpå modtageren havde kvitteret for at have modtaget originalerklæringen, blev opbevaret på SVTG's kontor.

5. Afslutningsvis forespurgte ambassaden på foranledning af ovennævnte henvendelse fra Rigspolitichefen, om man havde kendskab til en erklæring afgivet den 18.1.1998 vedrørende hr. Hashim Hassan Ismail. Hr. Mohammadian oplyste, at man ikke lå inde med kopier af erklæringer fra før kontoret blev reorganiseret og derfor ikke var i stand til at bekræfte, om man havde udstedt en sådan erklæring.

Ambassaden Kairo, den 16. februar 1999



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Please send a cheque / postal order made payable to Sudanese Victims of Torture for my donation of:

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WHO RUNS SVTG?

SVTG is run by an executive committee assisted by a consultant committee whose members represent different centres and institutions concerned with torture and its victims.

WHO FUNDS SVTG?

SVTG rely on donations from members of the public and charitable trusts, fundraising events and contributions from friends of SVTG.

SVTG accepts all non-conditional donations that do not effect its independence.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ◆ By contributing towards the cost of helping a victim of torture.
- ◆ By familiarising yourself and others with the extent and aims of torture in Sudan.
- ◆ By volunteering to help in the office work, we need researchers and administrators.
- ◆ By joining us in our campaign against torture.
- ◆ By becoming a Friend of SVTG, simply by completing the attached form and sending it to us.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
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HY SVTG WAS SET UP?

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INTRODUCTION

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MAIN AIMS

♦ To relieve poverty, sickness and dis- tress arising therefrom among people of Sudanese origin who are, or have been victims of torture, whether they are res- dent in the United Kingdom or any other

♦ To advance the education of the public concerning human rights, and in particular to advance education amongst people of Sudanese origin living in the United Kingdom.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

SVTG seeks to realize the following goals and objectives

♦ The provision of both physical and psy- chological treatment to the victims of torture

♦ Training and rehabilitation of the vic- tims of torture

♦ The creation of strong relationship with all centres, institutions, organizations and individual figures interested in resistance

♦ Collection and documentation of infor- mation concerning all forms of torture

♦ Besides carrying out researches and studies in the same area

♦ Supporting the educational and prac- tice of all forms of torture

ACTIVITIES

MEDICAL TREATMENT

♦ Providing assistance to the victims of torture to fill in the forms for case study

♦ Provision of a suitable place to the vic- tims of torture during the period of med-

TRAINING

♦ SVTG communicates with local and

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

♦ Coordination and cooperation with other countries so as to help the victim

♦ SVTG seeks to reinforce a strong re- lationship between its members to raise

♦ SVTG initiates recreational program collective work and cooperation

DOCUMENTATION AND PUBLICATION

♦ SVTG plans to publish a periodical newsletter and a report reflecting its

♦ SVTG collects and documents info- mation on torture in addition to stand-

♦ SVTG communicates with local and