

URGENT ACTION

DR MUDAWI UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED

Sudanese human rights defender Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam was released on 29 August after the Sudan government dropped all charges against him. Dr Mudawi was arrested on 7 December 2016 by the Sudanese National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS). He was charged with six offences, two of which are punishable by life imprisonment, or death.

Dr. Mudawi Ibrahim Adam was released, along with five other human rights defenders, on 29 August. He was facing six trumped-up charges, including 'undermining the constitutional system' and 'waging war against the state', both of which carry either the death penalty or life imprisonment. All the charges against him were dropped.

Dr Mudawi was arrested by the Sudanese National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) on 7 December 2016 and detained. Eight other human rights defenders arrested with him were released on bail on 31 August.

It is not the first time Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam had been arrested. He was arrested in December 2003 and detained for eight months in connection with his humanitarian and human rights work in Darfur. He was arrested again in January 2005 in similar circumstances and held for two months, before being re-arrested in May the same year and held for eight days. His organization, the Sudan Social Development Organization (SUDO) which works on humanitarian and development projects across the country, was shut down by the government in March 2009, one day after the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant against President Omar al-Bashir for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur.

Dr. Mudawi Ibrahim Adam is thankful to Amnesty International for campaigning on his case.

No further action is requested of the UA network. Many thanks to those who sent appeals.

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