

URGENT ACTION

SUDANESE ACTIVIST RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGE

Elgassim Mohamed Seed Ahmed has been released from the custody of the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) without charge. He was arrested in Saudi Arabia in December 2016 together with two other Sudanese activists. The three were deported from Saudi Arabia to Sudan on 11 July and arrested by the NISS upon arrival in Sudan.

Elgassim Mohamed Seed Ahmed was released on 1 October without charge. Elgassim Mohamed Seed Ahmed had remained in detention while the NISS conducted further investigations into his online activities.

Two other activists, Elwaleed Imam Hassan Taha and Alaa Aldin al-Difana, who were arrested together with Elgassim in December 2016 were released on 22 August without charge. The three were arrested in Saudi Arabia in December 2016 for their support of the civil disobedience protests in Sudan in November and December 2016 through their Facebook accounts.

Elgassim Mohamed Seed Ahmed had lived in Saudi Arabia since 1998 and worked in a supply company in Riyadh. He was arrested on 21 December 2016 in Saudi Arabia. Saudi security officers told him that he was being detained and interrogated at the behest of the Sudanese authorities.

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

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