

URGENT ACTION

HEALTH CONCERN FOR PROFESSOR ON HUNGER STRIKE

Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam, 58, a prominent Sudanese human rights defender has been on hunger strike since 21 January 2017 to protest against his arbitrary detention. Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam was arrested by the Sudanese National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) on 7 December 2016 and has been detained without charge since then at Kober prison in Khartoum, Sudan.

Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam has been on hunger strike at Kober prison since 21 January 2017 to protest against his prolonged detention without charge. Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam was arrested by the NISS on 7 December 2016 while at the University of Khartoum where he works as an engineering professor. His family informed Amnesty International that he suffers from chronic respiratory and heart complications. The hunger strike therefore poses a serious health risk to him.

There are also concerns that Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam is being subjected to torture and other ill-treatment while in detention. An eyewitness released from Kober prison on 23 January 2017 informed Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam's family that he saw him chained to a pole as NISS agents brutally beat him. His hands were cuffed and his legs shackled at the time. His family has requested the Sudanese authorities for permission to visit him twice but their requests have been denied.

The eyewitness also told the family that **Hafiz Edris Eldoma**, an Internally Displaced Person (IDP) from Darfur who was arrested on 24 November 2016 at Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam's house, was also being tortured by NISS agents.

Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam's driver, **Adam El-Sheikh**, and his accountant, **Nora Obied Osman**, were also detained by the NISS on 7 and 12 December 2016 respectively. None of the three have been informed of the reasons for their arrest and they are being held without charge or access to lawyers or family. They are risk of torture and other ill-treatment while in detention.

Please write immediately in Arabic or your own language:

- Urging the Sudanese authorities to either charge Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam, Adam El-Sheikh, Nora Obied Osman and Hafiz Edris Eldoma with a recognizable criminal offence or immediately release them;
- Calling on them to ensure that Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam, Adam El-Sheikh, Nora Obied Osman and Hafiz Edris Eldoma are granted access to their family, medical treatment and a lawyer of their choice;
- Urging them to investigate allegations of torture and other ill-treatment and ensure that they are not subjected to further torture and other ill-treatment during their detention.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 10 MARCH 2017 TO:

President

Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir
Office of the President
People's Palace
PO Box 281
Khartoum, Sudan

Salutation: Your Excellency

Minister for Justice

Awad Al Hassan Alnour
Ministry of Justice
PO Box 302
Al Nil Avenue
Khartoum, Sudan

Salutation : Your Excellency

And copies to:

Minister for Interior
Ismat Abdul-Rahman Zain Al-Abdin
Ministry of Interior
PO Box 873
Khartoum, Sudan

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. HIS EXCELLENCY MR MOHAMMED ABDALLA ALI ELTOM
Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan, 3 Cleveland Row St James's SW1A 1DD, 020 7839 8080, info@sudan-embassy.co.uk

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

It is not the first time Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam has 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.

Amnesty International has received numerous reports of an intensified NISS crackdown on civil society and political activists since the beginning of November 2016. The NISS maintains broad powers of arrest and detention under the National Security Act 2010, which allows suspects to be detained for up to four-and-a-half months without judicial review. NISS officials often use these powers to arbitrarily arrest and detain individuals, subjecting many of them to torture and other forms of ill-treatment. Under the same Act, NISS agents are provided with protection from prosecution for any act committed in the course of their work, which has resulted in a pervasive culture of impunity. The constitutional amendments passed by Parliament on 5 January 2015 accorded sweeping powers to the NISS and providing it with unlimited discretion to interfere in political, economic and social affairs.

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