

URGENT ACTION

SIX PROTESTORS DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGE

Six former University of Khartoum students have been detained without charge in Khartoum since 23 April after being arrested by the Sudanese National Intelligence Security Service (NISS) during a protest against the sale of the university buildings. They are at risk of torture and ill-treatment.

Dozens of former University of Khartoum students on 23 April at 2:00 pm staged a protest against the sale of the university buildings. The protest was held in solidarity with current students at the university who had held a similar demonstration between 11 and 14 April. The NISS arrested 19 of the protestors (13 females, six males) in front of the university premises. They were taken to the NISS offices near the Shendi bus station in Khartoum North where they were detained. All those arrested were released without charge except for six who remain in detention. Those released reported that they were subjected to torture and ill-treatment during their detention.

The six protestors are; **Mohamed Farouk**, 45, civil engineer and the deputy chairperson of Sudanese Alliance Party; **Murtada Eltuhami**, agricultural engineer and an assistant to the Secretary General of Umma party; **Ibrahim Abu Samara**, civil engineer and the chairperson of the University of Khartoum Engineering graduates Union; **Hassan Mahmoud**, civil engineer; **Nazim Abdelrahim**, civil engineer and **Ammar Hassan**, civil engineer. They have not been charged or brought before a competent judicial authority.

Mohamed Farouk, Murtada Eltuhami, Ibrahim Abu Samara, Hassan Mahmoud, Nazim Abdelrahim and Ammar Hassan are at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Please write immediately in Arabic, English or your own language:

- Urging the Sudanese authorities to ensure that Mohamed Farouk, Murtada Eltuhami, Ibrahim Abu Samara, Hassan Mahmoud, Nazim Abdelrahim and Ammar Hassan are either charged with a recognizable offence or are immediately and unconditionally released;
- Calling on the authorities give all six detainees access to lawyers, to medical treatment and to their families;
- Urging them to ensure that the detainees are not subjected to torture or any ill-treatment and investigate the allegations of torture and ill-treatment reported by those released.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 10 JUNE 2016 TO:

President

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

Salutation: Your Excellency

Minister of Justice

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

Salutation: Your Excellency

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Minister of Interior

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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Amnesty International has received numerous reports of intensified NISS and police crackdown on activities of political activists and students. 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, and to subject 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, have exacerbated the situation. The constitutional amendments accorded sweeping powers to the NISS which now has unlimited discretion to interfere in political, economic and social issues.

Violent confrontations between students and the police have been ongoing for three weeks in almost 10 universities in Sudan. Dozens of students have been arrested across the country. 20-year-old Mohamad Al Sadiq Yoyo, a second year student in the Art Department at the Omdurman Al Alhila University, was shot dead by the NISS agents on 27 April. According to a medical report seen by Amnesty International, the student was shot in the left side of his chest adjacent to the heart. Three other students were injured during the attack which took place during a public event held by the Nuba Mountains Association at the Omdurman Al Alhila University. The death of the student Abubakar Hassan Mohamed Taha in the University of Kordofan, who was also shot by the NISS agents, last week has sparked country-wide student protests against the government. Three students have been killed since January 2016 across universities in Sudan.

The NISS released two student activists Ibrahim Yahya Omer and Mohamed Adam Shahtallah without charge on 23 April. Bader Al Deen Salah Mohamed was released but he was charged under article 182 'Criminal Damage' of the 1991 Criminal Act. Two other students, Ahmed Al-Mujtaba and Ahmed Zuhair Dawd, are still in detention. Ahmed Zuhair Dawd was tortured while in detention, and suffered a broken nose. These five students were arrested by NISS during protests at the University of Khartoum which began on 11 April and continued until 14 April. The protests were triggered by reports that the government was planning to sell some of the university's buildings.

Name: Mohamed Farouk, Murtada Eltuhami, Ibrahim Abu Samara, Hassan Mahmoud, Nazim Abdelrahim and Ammar Hassan
Gender m/f: m

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