

URGENT ACTION

ADAM SHARIEF RELEASED FROM DETENTION

On 30 October Adam Sharief, lawyer and activist, was released from prison after spending over one month in detention without a charge.

Adam Sharief was released from detention in Khartoum on 30 October and flew back to his home in Nyala, the capital of South Darfur State, where he was greeted by his colleagues at the airport and then by his family at his house.

Adam Sharief, a lawyer and coordinator of the Darfur Bar Association in South Darfur, was arrested on 26 September in Nyala, days after he carried out an interview with an independent radio station criticizing the Governor of South Darfur. In the interview he blamed the Governor for the lack of security in Nyala alleging that the local authorities were employing militias who are responsible for a number of recent killings in Nyala, including the killing of a prominent local businessman, Ismail Ibrahim Wadi, as well as his son and nephew. He also criticized the use of live ammunition by security forces to disperse demonstrators that gathered together at Ismail Ibrahim Wadi's funeral on 19 September. After being detained for a week in Nyala he was secretly transferred by plane to a prison in Khartoum, where he was detained in Kober prison.

At no point during his detention was Adam Sharief charged with a recognizable offence. Amnesty International is concerned that he was detained for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression.

No further action is requested at this time from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

Adam Sharief's photo is available on ADAM (184022): <https://adam.amnesty.org/asset-bank/action/viewAsset?id=184022&index=0&total=1&view=viewSearchItem>

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