

# URGENT ACTION

## ACTIVIST REMAINS IN DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL

**Bushra Gamar Hussein Rahma, a Sudanese human rights activist, continues to be detained without trial. This is in spite of assurances from the Sudanese authorities that he would be either charged or freed on 9 October. He was originally arrested on 25 June in Omdurman. He is in poor health and remains at risk of torture or other ill-treatment.**

**Bushra Gamar Hussein Rahma** was arrested on 25 June. A judge ordered his release on 14 August, however immediately after his release, he was re-arrested by Sudan's National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS). He remains in detention in Kober prison, Khartoum. He has not been charged and has been denied access to a lawyer.

Bushra Gamar Hussein Rahma went on hunger strike from 26 September until 30 September, in protest against his continued detention. He stopped his hunger strike when a senior member of the NISS said that he would be charged, or released on 9 October. However neither has happened, so he began a second hunger strike on 10 October.

A physician has confirmed that Bushra Gamar Hussein Rahma has a number of health conditions, including heart disease and a newly developed prolapsed disc. His family are very concerned about his health, and in particular the additional strain the hunger strike may place on his body.

Bushra Gamar Hussein Rahma is an X-ray technician and founder of the Human Rights and Development Organization (HUDO) in Southern Kordofan, Sudan, where he is from. Prior to this, he was the director of Sudan Social Development Organisation (SUDO) in Darfur, Sudan, and he has been a member of the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N). He is ethnically Nuban, a major ethnic group in Southern Kordofan. His arrest and detention coincides with other arrests made by the Sudanese authorities of intellectuals, activists, and other people that appear to be Nuban. This is because authorities believe they are affiliated with the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N).

### **Please write immediately in English or Arabic or your own language:**

- Call on the authorities to either charge Bushra Gamar Hussein Rahma with a recognizable criminal offence or release him immediately;
- Call on the authorities to grant Bushra Gamar Hussein Rahma immediate access to his lawyer;
- Urge the authorities to ensure that Bushra Gamar Hussein Rahma is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated.

### **PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 27 NOVEMBER 2011 TO:**

#### Minister of Justice

Mr Mohammed Bushara Dousa  
Ministry of Justice, PO Box 302  
Al Nil Avenue  
Khartoum, Sudan  
Fax: +249 183 764 168  
Email: [moj@moj.gov.sd](mailto:moj@moj.gov.sd)

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

#### Minister of Interior

Mr Ibrahim Mohamed Hamed  
Ministry of Interior  
PO Box 873  
Khartoum,  
Sudan

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

#### **And copies to:**

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

**Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country.**

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fighting in Southern Kordofan between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the northern section of the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Movement (SPLM) broke out on 5 June. Since then, Kadugli, the capital of Southern Kordofan, as well as a number of other locations, have been experiencing ongoing fighting. The bombing of towns and villages, as well as artillery fire, and house-to-house searches, have made much of Southern Kordofan unsafe for civilians, who have fled to other parts of the country and to the Nuba Mountains.

Checkpoints have been set up along the roads in Southern Kordofan, and witnesses report that lists of names have been used to target suspected SPLM-N members and Nuban people. As a result, Nuban people around Sudan have gone into hiding.

Despite these dangerous conditions, internally displaced people have been told by the various government authorities, including the Governor of Southern Kordofan that they should return home. The Sudanese government has also restricted the ability of humanitarian agencies to move freely and carry out their work effectively.

Name: Bushra Gamar Hassein Rahma

Gender m/f: m

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