

URGENT ACTION

SUDAN RELEASES PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE

Sudanese lawyer and human rights activist Asma Ahmed, who was arrested by the National Security Service in May 2013, was released from detention on 11 June.

Asma Ahmed was arrested on 4 May 2013 by the National Security Services (NSS) and was detained without charge for over a month. Asma was held in solitary confinement for long periods and was interrogated repeatedly.

On 11 June, the police released Asma.

Asma Ahmed is a lawyer and a human rights defender. Before she was arrested, she defended numerous political prisoners and prisoners of conscience.

Asma is a member of the opposition party Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement – North (SPLM-N), which was banned by the Government of Sudan in September 2011. Her detention appears to be part of a pattern of detention of SPLM-N activists, intellectuals, and religious leaders.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required.

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