

URGENT ACTION

UN WORKER RELEASED AND ALL CHARGES DROPPED

Idris Yousef Abdelrahman, a civil affairs officer for the joint United Nations African Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) who was arrested on 27 April, is no longer in detention. He was released on 20 July after the prosecutor dropped all the charges against him.

Idris Yousef Abdelrahman went missing in Nyala, South Darfur, after being summoned for a meeting by the National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) on 27 April. His employers, UNAMID, were not informed of his whereabouts until 10 May, when they learned that the NISS had detained him. On 12 July he was charged with 'undermining the constitutional system' and 'waging war against the state', both of which could have resulted in a sentence of capital punishment. While in detention, Idris Yousef Abdelrahman, was denied access to his family and was not allowed to see a lawyer until 12 July.

Idris Yousef Abdelrahman was released on 20 July. Prosecutors told UNAMID that all charges against him had been dropped due to lack of evidence. Idris Yousef Abdelrahman is currently undergoing a medical check-up in Nyala.

Idris Yousef Abdelrahman is the second UNAMID staff member to be released this month. Hawa Abdalla Mohamed, a community activist and a translator working with internally displaced people in Darfur, was released on 12 July after being detained in Khartoum on 6 May 2011.

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

This is the first update of UA 219/11. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR54/024/2011/en>

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