

URGENT ACTION

DARFURI ASYLUM-SEEKER NOT FORCIBLY RETURNED

A Sudanese man from Darfur, Faisal Mohammed Haroun Suleiman, detained in Egypt, has not been forcibly returned to Sudan.

Lawyers from the Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights filed a court case to stop the deportation of **Faisal Mohammed Haroun Suleiman**, and another refugee, Adam Yahya Abdallah Khalil. On 19 January 2011 they obtained a favorable ruling by an administrative court annulling the decision of the Ministry of Interior to deport both men. A copy of the ruling was presented to the Public Prosecutor and the lawyers are awaiting a decision on this release.

Faisal Mohammed Haroun Suleiman and 18 others had been accused by the Egyptian authorities of weapons smuggling and human trafficking into Israel, which may have led to criminal charge in Sudan of dealing with an "enemy state". If forcibly returned to Sudan, he would have been at grave risk of torture and an unfair trial leading to a possible death sentence. Faisal Mohammed Haroun Suleiman had fled to Egypt in 2004.

Following his arrest on 7 January 2010, the Egyptian Supreme State Security Prosecution renewed his detention several times before dropping the charges on 26 December 2010. Despite his charges being dropped, he continued to be detained by the Egyptian security forces.

Amnesty International adopted the case after receiving reports that Faisal Mohammed Haroun Suleiman faced forcible return to Sudan in January 2011.

Faisal Mohammed Haroun Suleiman continues to be held in a detention centre in Cairo. The organization is monitoring his case and will issue further actions as necessary.

No more action is required at this time. Many thanks to all of those who sent appeals.

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