

URGENT ACTION

STUDENTS RELEASED FROM NISS DETENTION

Eight students who were arrested while at the office of the human rights lawyer, Nabil Adib, in Khartoum on 5 May have been released on 19 June and 21 June. The eight students were recently expelled and suspended from the University of Khartoum.

The National Intelligence Security Service (NISS) released the following students without charge on 19 June: **Wifag Mohamed Altayeeb Gorashi**, 24, Faculty of Art; **Mai Adil Ibrahim Karar**, 24, Faculty of Engineering; and **Mudathir Tayseer Mudathir**, 25, Faculty of Science.

The NISS also released **Bader Aldeen Salah Mohamed**, 25, Faculty of Economics; **Hussien Yahia Haran**, 30, Faculty of Science; **Hamid Omer Hamid Digno**, 28, Faculty of Engineering; **Mohamed Mahjoub Otaiba**, 23, Faculty of Law; and **Hassan Aldai Mohamed Abdalla**, 24, Faculty of Law on 21 June. These five students were released on a bail of 1,000 Sudanese Pounds (approx. USD 164.50) and charged under Article 142, with 'hurt', Article 162, with 'kidnapping' and Article 180, with 'criminal misappropriation'. All these articles are part of the 1991 Sudanese Criminal Law. These charges carry prison sentences ranging from six months to 10 years. However, according to the students' lawyers these charges are likely to be dropped.

These students were recently expelled and suspended from University of Khartoum due to their involvement in anti-government protests at the university which followed reports that the government was planning to sell some of the university's buildings. They were arrested on 5 May at the lawyer's office while seeking legal advice to challenge their expulsion and suspension from the university.

No further action is requested of the UA network. Many thanks to those who sent appeals.

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Gender m/f: Both

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