

URGENT ACTION

STUDENT ACTIVISTS DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGE

Three Sudanese student activists have been detained without charge in Khartoum since 12 May after being arrested outside their university by security forces. They are at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman is a graduate from the Faculty of Science of the University of Khartoum, **Moamar Musa Mohamed** and **Taj Alsir Jaafar** are students from the same university. They were arrested separately outside their university during the afternoon of 12 May. Mohamed Salah Abdelrahman was leaving the university, when a pick-up truck with men in civilian clothing reportedly stopped and arrested him. The same afternoon, Moamar Musa Mohamed and Taj Alsir Jaafar were also detained after leaving the university. When Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman's family inquired about his whereabouts at the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) office, they were informed that he was detained in the political division of a prison in Bahri, a neighbourhood of Khartoum. When Taj Alsir Jaafar's family contacted the NISS office to ask where he was, they were told that they should file a visit request after 15 days. The family tried to give the NISS medication that Taj Alsir Jaafar needs, but the security agents refused to take it.

All three are prominent student activists and were involved in protests at the University of Khartoum in late March 2014 in response to the death of Ali Abaker Mussa Idris, a student who was shot dead by security forces at a demonstration on 11 March. Both Mohamed Salah Abdelrahman and Taj Alsir Jaafar were detained and released without charge multiple times for participating in student protests and for their activities as student activists. Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman was previously detained without charge in June 2012, and more recently in March 2014 at Khartoum airport while waiting for his flight to Tunisia, where he was going to participate in a workshop. He was released on 7 April. Taj Al Sir Jaafar was previously detained without charge in 2009, and twice in 2011.

There are credible fears that Mohamed Salah Abdelrahman, Moamar Musa Mohamed and Taj Alsir Jaafar may be at risk of torture or ill-treatment. The Sudanese authorities must either charge them with a recognizable offence and grant them a fair trial, or immediately released them.

Please write immediately in Arabic, English or your own language:

- Urging the authorities to ensure that Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman, Moamar Musa Mohamed, Taj Alsir Jaafar are either charged with a recognizable offence or are immediately and unconditionally released;
- Calling on the authorities to reveal the location of Taj El Sir Jaafar and Moamar Musa Mohamed, and give all three detainees access to lawyers, to medical treatment and to their families;
- Urging them to ensure that the detainees are not subjected to torture or any ill-treatment.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 2 JULY 2014 TO:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ali Abaker Mussa Idris, a third-year economics student, died in hospital on 11 March after being shot by security forces during a protest against a recent surge in violence in Darfur that has displaced an estimated 50,000 people. His funeral on the following day was attended by around 1,000 people and was broken up by police using tear gas after mourners began to shout anti-government slogans. In the days following these events, several student activists and lawyers were arrested around Khartoum. They were released on 7 April. Protests and sit-ins continued at the University of Khartoum following Ali Abaker Mussa Idris's death, demanding for an investigation on to Ali's death, and for a safer environment within the university compound.

Name: Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman, Moamar Musa Mohamed, Taj Alsir Jaafar

Gender m/f: m

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