

URGENT ACTION

CHARGES AGAINST PHARMACIST MUST BE DROPPED

Ahmed Abdalla Khedir Nasir (also known as Ahmed Shifaa) is a pharmacist from Dongola, Sudan. Shortly after a conversation he had in his pharmacy - expressing concern about the ongoing Sudan conflict and criticizing the recruitment of civilians by the Baraa Bin Malik militia group - was overheard, an arrest warrant circulating online was issued against him on 18 July 2025. He was arrested the next day but released on bail after five hours. In November 2025, he was formally charged with inciting unrest and disturbance of public peace. He has since attended multiple court hearings where he has faced intimidation from armed personnel, who in one event surrounded the court. The verdict is due to be delivered by the court on 15 April. Amnesty International urges the Sudanese authorities to immediately quash the charges against Ahmed Shifaa and end his prosecution.

TAKE ACTION: WRITE AN APPEAL IN YOUR OWN WORDS OR USE THIS MODEL LETTER

The Attorney General of the Republic of Sudan
Intisar Ahmed Abdel
Red Sea State Port Sudan
21111, Sudan
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Dear H.E Intisar Ahmed Abdel Aal,

I am writing to express my grave concern regarding the charges brought against pharmacist, **Ahmed Abdalla Khedir Nasir**, (also known as **Ahmed Shifaa**) for the peaceful expression of his views.

On 19 November 2025, Ahmed Shifaa was charged under articles 62 and 69 of the Sudanese Criminal Law (1991) at the Dongola Criminal Court. These charges, which pertain to "inciting feelings of unrest among disciplined forces" and "disturbance of public peace," stem from accusations made by the Sudanese army allied militia group, the Baraa ibn Malik Brigade, asserting that Ahmed Shifaa had insulted their members. Ahmed Shifaa firmly denies these allegations, emphasizing that what happened on this date was that he had a conversation with someone in his pharmacy in which he merely voiced his opinion regarding the tragic loss of young lives in the context of ongoing conflict in Sudan, criticising the recruitment of civilians by the militia group. A second individual who was present in the pharmacy and who overheard the conversation is likely to have then reported Ahmed Shifaa to the authorities. On 18 July 2025, information regarding an arrest warrant for Ahmed Shifaa, including his full name and vehicle registration details, was disseminated across various social media platforms, calling for his arrest by security forces, putting Ahmed Shifaa in significant distress for his safety and wellbeing. The next day (19 July 2025), he was arrested at his pharmacy and subjected to detention for approximately five hours before being released on a personal bond.

Ahmed Shifaa has since attended multiple court hearings on the incitement of unrest and disturbance charges. During the hearings, armed security personnel have surrounded the courtroom in a clear attempt to intimidate him. The verdict is due to be delivered on 15 April, coinciding with the three-year anniversary of the Sudan conflict. Should he be convicted, he faces up to six years imprisonment and a fine or both.

In light of these developments, I urge you to take immediate action to drop all charges against Ahmed Abdalla Khidir Nasir, as they appear to be politically motivated and infringe upon his fundamental right to freedom of expression. I further urge you to ensure the protection of Ahmed's rights, safety, and dignity from harassment, intimidation, and further unlawful actions by the Baraa ibn Malik Brigade or associated entities.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Sudan conflict that erupted on 15 April 2023 is having a devastating impact on civilians. Thousands of civilians have been killed and injured, and millions have been displaced making Sudan the largest displacement crisis in the world. The Sudan conflict is a war on civilians, primarily driven by the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), which jointly staged a coup in October 2021, eliminating the chance for a civilian-led transition. Both groups are using repression to maintain political and economic control while restricting civic space to consolidate their power. In this environment, violence and institutional collapse are tactically employed to strengthen authoritarian rule.

Civilian and civil society actors are systematically targeted by both factions. Emergency Response Rooms, political activists, journalists, medical professionals, humanitarian workers, human rights defenders, and ordinary citizens opposing the war or perceived as adversaries have encountered attacks, harassment, arbitrary detention, and killings. This ongoing assault is not incidental but a strategic effort to dismantle resistance, undermine collective action, and block paths toward accountability and to any form of civilian-led or human rights-based political transition.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: Arabic

You can also write in your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: 30 August 2026

Please check with the Amnesty office in your country if you wish to send appeals after the deadline.

NAME AND PRONOUN: Ahmed Abdalla Khedir Nasir, also known as Ahmed Shifaa (he/his/him)