

# URGENT ACTION

## MISSING MAN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN TORTURED

**Omaia Abdel Latif Hassan Omaia has been detained incommunicado since 22 August. He is believed to have been tortured and otherwise ill-treated.**

**Omaia Abdel Latif Hassan Omaia** was last seen by his family on 22 August. According to eyewitnesses, two people in civilian clothes, believed to be National Security Services (NSS) agents, forced him into a Toyota Land Cruiser that day, and drove away.

According to reliable sources, Omaia was transferred from the town of Tajmala to Talodi in the state of Southern Kordofan on 3 November. He is still held incommunicado without access to a lawyer or to his family. Amnesty International understands that he has been hospitalised at least three times since his detention: on 26 August, 2 September and 16 September. He is believed to have serious injuries, including a fractured left arm and a paralysed left leg due to torture.

Omaia Abdel Latif Hassan Omaia works for the Ministry of Finance in the state of Southern Kordofan and it is believed that he was targeted because of his position as a media representative of the banned Sudan People's Liberation Movement – North (SPLM-N), in his hometown Abu-Gebiha. The state authorities had warned him in July 2011 against political involvement with any armed movement. He was previously arrested in September 2011 with 30 other SPLM-N supporters, but was released without charge a week later.

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

- Urge the authorities to grant Omaia Abdel Latif Hassan Omaia immediate access to a lawyer, his family and any medical attention he may require;
- Call on them to ensure that Omaia Abdel Latif Hassan Omaia is protected from torture and other ill-treatment;
- Call on them to either charge Omaia Abdel Latif Hassan Omaia with a recognizably criminal offence or release him;

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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

Minister of Justice

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Omaia Abdel Latif Hassan Omaia is one of many intellectuals, activists and others who are members or perceived to be members of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N). They are frequently detained incommunicado without charge.

Conflict erupted in Sudan's Southern Kordofan State between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the SPLA-N in June 2011, and three months later in Blue Nile State. Since then the Sudanese government have indiscriminately bombed SPLM-N controlled areas and blocked humanitarian assistance, causing death, injury and displacement with over 200,000 refugees in South Sudan and Ethiopia.

Name: Omaia Abdel Latif Hassam Omaia

Gender m/f: M

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