

URGENT ACTION

SUDANESE YOUTH AT RISK OF TORTURE

Sudanese youth Hatim Ali Mohammed has been detained incommunicado since 24 March in the suburbs of Sudan's capital by the National Security Service (NSS) following his participation in a protest. He is at serious risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

Hatim Ali Mohammed (25) attended a demonstration on 23 March against the auction of crucial medical equipment by the Khartoum North hospital, which is the main public hospital in the northern part of Sudan's capital. Plainclothed agents of the NSS arrested him and detained him for several hours, during which he was reportedly beaten. He was released the same evening but told to report to the NSS office the next day.

On 24 March, Hatim Ali Mohammed went to the main NSS office of Khartoum North as ordered. He has not been seen since, and is at serious risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

Hatim Ali Mohammed is an engineer and graduate of Khartoum University. His 24 March detention marks the fifth time he has been detained for his participation in peaceful protests. Amnesty International considers Hatim Ali Mohammed a prisoner of conscience, held solely for the peaceful expression of his views.

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

- Calling on the Sudanese authorities to release Hatim Ali Mohammed immediately and unconditionally;
- Asking that the government provide him with immediate access to a lawyer and his family;
- Calling on the government to ensure that he is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 9 MAY 2013 TO:

President

HE Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir

Office of the President

People's Palace

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Email: info@sudan.gov.sd

Salutation: Your Excellency

Minister of Justice

Mohamed Bushara Dousa

Ministry of Justice,

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And copies to:

Minister of Interior

Ibrahim Mahmoud Hamed

Ministry of Interior

PO Box 873

Khartoum, Sudan

Salutation: Your Excellency

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country.

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Sudanese authorities routinely repress peaceful demonstrations across the country. From June to August 2012, hundreds of peaceful protesters and civil society activists were arrested by the NSS in response to a wave of demonstrations that affected many of Sudan's largest cities. The NSS tortured and otherwise ill-treated many of the detainees by kicking them; beating them with sticks, rubber hoses and fists; making them stand in scorching heat for days at a time; depriving them of food, water and sleep; and forcing them to adopt stress positions. Women were subjected to sexual violence in the form of "virginity tests" akin to rape. In November 2012, NSS agents threw acid on seven high school students from Nyala (Darfur) while in detention, causing severe burns.

Name: Hatim Ali Mohammed

Gender m/f: m

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