

# URGENT ACTION

## THREE ACTIVISTS IN DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGE

**Three Sudanese activists remain in detention without charge in Khartoum's Kober prison. Their family members say they show signs of having been tortured and otherwise ill-treated.**

**Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman, Moamar Musa Mohamed and Taj Alsir Jaafar** have been in detention since 12 May 2014 after they were arrested by the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) outside the University of Khartoum.

The NISS rejected four applications by the families of Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman and Taj Alsir Jaafar to visit them in detention. The NISS also twice refused to accept medication that Taj Alsir Jaafar's family tried to send him via the NISS office, saying that they were only permitted to send a few items of clothing.

The families of Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman and Taj Alsir Jaafar were finally allowed to visit their sons on 13 June, more than 30 days after their detention, in Khartoum's Kober prison. Mohamed told his family that he is being held in one of the cells known as "the fridges", cells that are kept deliberately cold to make detainees feel uncomfortable. The family reported that Mohamed appeared to have severe injuries from beatings all over his body, including his right eye. Jaafar's family also reported that Taj Alsir Jaafar appeared to have been beaten. They said his face and hands were swollen, his hands were trembling and he seemed to have trouble standing up.

Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman, Moamar Musa Mohamed and Taj Alsir Jaafar are all youth activists and were involved in protests at the University of Khartoum in late March after Ali Abaker Mussa Idris, a student, was shot dead by security forces at a demonstration on 11 March. Both Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman and Taj Alsir Jaafar have been detained and released without charge multiple times for their activities as student activists. The Sudanese authorities must either charge them with a recognizable offence and grant them a fair trial, or immediately release them.

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

- Urging the authorities to ensure that Mohamed Salah Mohamed Abdelrahman, Moamar Musa Mohamed and Taj Alsir Jaafar are either charged with a recognizable offence or immediately and unconditionally released;
- Urging them to investigate allegations that the detainees have been subjected to torture and ill-treatment and hold those responsible to account.

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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 into 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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