

URGENT ACTION

STUDENTS AND LAWYERS AT RISK OF TORTURE

Eleven men have been arrested and detained without charge in Khartoum in a sweep by the National Security Services (NISS) between 12 and 20 March.

The eleven detainees are students, activists and lawyers mainly from Darfur but living in Khartoum. Their names are Hamdan Abdallah, Ashraf Mohamed Osman, Ghazi El Rayeh Elsanhori, Abdelmoniem Adam Mohamed, Abdelaziz Eltoum Ibrahim, Eisa Salih Ibrahim, Elzaoubir Abdelmajeed, Mohamed Idris Jido, Ibrahim Salih Ibrahim, El Radi Ali Ibrahim and Mohammed Salah Abdelrahman. The arrests followed a protest on 11 March at the University of Khartoum against increased violence in Darfur. Around 110 students were arrested during the protest, which was dispersed by security forces using tear gas and live ammunition. One of the protestors, Ali Abaker Mussa Idris, a student, subsequently died in hospital from gunshot wounds sustained during the dispersal of the protest; an excessive use of force that was condemned by Amnesty International. The following day the funeral for Ali Abaker Mussa Idris was attended by around 1,000 people. It was also broken up by police using tear gas after mourners began to shout anti-government slogans.

The first of the group to be arrested was Hamdan Abdallah, a student who was with Ali Abaker Mussa Idris when he was shot. He was arrested at Khartoum University on 12 March. The same day, Ghazi El Rayeh Elsanhori was arrested at his house with Ashraf Mohamed Osman. Abdelaziz Eltoum Ibrahim, a lawyer with the Darfur Bar Association, also went missing on 12 March during the dispersal of the funeral. His family were contacted on 17 March by the NISS, who confirmed that he was in detention. The following day a series of raids across Khartoum resulted in further detentions, including Abdelmoniem Adam Mohamed, a lawyer who had been visiting police stations to search for any students that had been arrested during the protest. He was arrested at his office in downtown Khartoum on 13 March. The latest arrest took place on March 20 at Khartoum Airport when Mohammed Salah, a recent graduate of the University of Khartoum who spoke at the funeral of Ali Abaker Mussa Idris, was detained while attempting to fly to Tunisia to attend a workshop.

There are credible fears that that these eleven individuals, who are being detained in an undisclosed location, may be at risk of torture or ill-treatment. It is likely that there have been further detentions in connection with the protest on 11 March that have not been reported. The Sudanese authorities must confirm the location of those arrested. All of those being held must be either charged with a recognizable offence and granted a fair trial or immediately released.

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

- Calling on the authorities to either immediately release these detainees, and all students arrested in connection with the protest on 11 March, or charge them with a recognizable crime;
- Calling on the authorities to reveal their location and give them access to lawyers of their choosing, to medical treatment and to their families.
- Urging them to ensure that the detainees are not subjected to torture or any ill-treatment;

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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Mohamed Bushara Dousa
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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.

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