

URGENT ACTION

NGO WOMAN RELEASED FROM PRISON IN SUDAN

Sudanese Christian woman and NGO worker Salwa Fahmi Suleiman Gireis, who was arrested by the National Security Service in February 2013, was released from prison on 2 April 2013.

Salwa Fahmi Suleiman Gireis, a 64-year old woman, was arrested by the National Security Services on 12 February 2013 from her home in Khartoum. Shortly after her arrest, Salwa Fahmi Suleiman Gireis's passport and electronic equipment including her laptop computer were confiscated. Plain clothed men visited her family's farm in the outskirts of Khartoum, and sealed-up cupboards that contained Bibles. They reportedly killed the pigs on the farm and stole a motorcycle.

Salwa Fahmi Suleiman Gireis was detained without charge or access to a lawyer for a period of seven weeks.

On 1 April, President Omar al-Bashir ordered the release of all political detainees. Salwa Fahmi Suleiman Gireis was released the following day.

Salwa Fahmi Suleiman Gireis worked as an accountant for an Evangelical Christian organisation before her arrest. Amnesty International believes that she was held solely for her peaceful work with a religious organization and considered her to be a prisoner of conscience.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required.

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Gender: m/f: Female

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