

URGENT ACTION

TWO SUDANESE ACTIVISTS RELEASED

Pharmacist Yasir Mirghani Abdalrahman, who is also the Secretary General of the Sudanese Consumer Protection Society, and civil society activist, Nasreen Ali Mustafa have been released.

Yasir Mirghani Abdalrahman and Nasreen Ali Mustafa were arrested by the National Intelligence Security Service (NISS) on 25 May in Sudan's capital, Khartoum, and taken in for interrogation. They were released on 7 and 10 June respectively.

Yasir Mirghani Abdalrahman's arrest was in connection with his interview with a local newspaper in which he alleged that there was rampant corruption in relation to essential consumer goods and services that involved high-level government officials. He was detained at Kober Prison in Khartoum and was never charged.

Nasreen Ali Mustafa was arrested in connection with statements she made at a public gathering in Khartoum on 23 May about the alarmingly high number of unreported incidents of sexual harassment and abuse in some school buses in Khartoum State. She urged families to speak out and raise the issue with the Sudanese authorities. She was held for 15 days, including time in Omdurman Women's prison. The NISS forced her to make a public apology on 10 June for what she had said. Nasreen Ali Mustafa was released later that day without being charged.

No further action is requested of the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals

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Name: Yasir Mirghani Abdalrahman (m) and Nasreen Ali Mustafa (f)

Gender: Both

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