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Urgent statement

ACS condemns recent arrests and calls for continuation of the 90 days campaign

National Intelligence and Security Services apparatus (NISS) continued its harsh campaign of systematic arrests of human rights activists, politicians and students in the states of Khartoum and Southern Kordofan, since the beginning of this month. The most prominent and brutal attack was against female students from Darfur inside a students' residence in Khartoum university, in the second day of Eid al-Adha, they were evicted by force in a barbaric behavior beyond the law and contrary to the customs, morals and benign Sudanese values.

A joint force of police and security forces with support of the "notorious" Rapid Support Forces broke into the students' residence in order to evacuate it, as implementation of the unjust resolutions of privatization of educational institutions, which creates caste discrimination amid the students. The use of sticks, batons and tear gas resulted in large injuries amid the students, while the security forces arrested more than 30 students, three of whom were released, reported that they have experienced brutal torture, sexual harassment, obscene and racial abuse by the security elements.

ACS, as it expresses its deep concern over the situation of the students, condemns and denounces that criminal behavior, it also calls for fair investigation and punishment of the perpetrators. It holds the National Fund to Support Students, the full responsibility for those events, especially after it has been proven that a number of its staff is involved.

It also draws the attention of the independent expert to the human rights situation in Sudan and practices of the regime, which violates Sudan's constitution and human rights conventions, particularly after the renewal of the mandate of the independent expert.

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ACS further, condemns the arrests of human rights activists, politicians and students, which are carried out by the Sudanese security authorities in South Kordofan, it demands unconditional prompt release of detainees, or bringing them before fair trials.

Further, ACS expresses its deep concern about the fate of a number of political detainees and prisoners, where the security authorities used to arrest large numbers of innocent civilians after every military operation between the Sudanese army and the armed movements in all of Darfur, South Kordofan and the Blue Nile; under the pretext of affiliation with the armed movements and in order to blackmail them.

ACS renews its call for all human rights defenders, organizations and Sudanese people worldwide, to join the (90) days campaign, under the slogan of "Freedom is a right not a gift" to collect signatures to put more pressure on the regime in Khartoum, for the release of all detainees and those convicted in political cases.

For signatures please click the following link:

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/acsudan>