



PRESS STATEMENT

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ARREST OF AL-SHAZALI BY NISS IN DAMAZIN-SUDAN

On 13th January 2019, Mr. Yousri Al-Shazali was arrested by NISS in Damazin under reason of his activity in social media. He was released on 25th January 2019 after being tortured, mistreated and forced to sign a pledge.

On 13th January 2019, National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) in Damazin of Blue Nile State arrested a University student Mr. Yousri Al-Shazali of 23 years old from the street. They detained him at NISS custody where he was beaten with black hose and forced to stand under the hot sun for many hours. The reason of his arrest was because of chatting on social media about the ongoing demonstrations in Sudan. NISS considered his social media chats to be mobilization of the youth to demonstrate.

On 25th January 2019, NISS Damazin released Mr. Al-Shazali after forcing him to sign a pledge promising not to participate in any demonstrations or to write about demonstrations on social media.

Since December 2018, demonstrations have been going on in many towns of Sudan including Damazin where people are demanding for their basic rights and political reforms. The security forces responded with excessive force towards demonstrators which caused loss of lives and many have been arrested.

HUDO is very concerned about the situation of youth during this time of demonstrations in Sudan.

HUDO calls upon;

- Sudan government to stop targeting, arresting, torturing and intimidating the youth.
- Sudan government to respect its international obligations towards their citizens.
- NISS in Damazin to stop torturing, intimidating and harassing youth.

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