



Sudan Doctors Syndicate

Urgent Call for Action Regarding the Situation and wellbeing of the Detained Sudanese Dr. Muaz Faisal

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Dr. Muaz Faisal is an Obstetrics and Gynecology registrar who was detained by the Sudanese security forces in Portsudan on the 29 of January 2019 during a silent protest at Portsudan Hospital.

Whilst in detention, Dr Muaz was beaten by security forces, sustaining a compound leg fracture and underwent an orthopedic operation at Portsudan hospital. He was transferred a few days later to Khartoum and kept in detention in Al Amal Hospital that belongs administratively to the National Intelligence and Security Service since early February 2019. Al Amal hospital has gained notoriety because of shady practices, many political detainees preferring prison over being there. It came to our knowledge that Dr Muaz is imprisoned in a dark room with poor ventilation, literally a solitary confinement room albeit in a hospital. To date no visitations have been allowed by his family and colleagues.

Dr Muaz's medical condition is poor. Medical care is almost non existent despite being in hospital. He can not mobilize independently and neither a walking aid or physiotherapy have been provided for over 6 weeks.

A few days ago, on his own insistence, an X-ray was done proving that his fractures did not heal properly. Despite this no orthopedic doctor has seen him, and the X-ray findings have been ignored completely, a grave example of medical malpractice. Together with poor nutrition, psychological stress of isolation and lack of proper treatment, his health will continue to deteriorate, putting his life at risk.

We hold the Sudanese government directly responsible for any further harm or medical complications that Dr. Muaz is at a high risk of developing. We, the Sudan Doctors Syndicate, are extremely worried regards to the wellbeing of Dr. Muaz and call for urgent action. We call upon all medical, legal and human rights groups to exert all sorts of pressure on the Sudanese authorities to accelerate the release of Dr. Muaz and guarantee his safety.

In addition we demand the immediate release of all other doctors, who spent several months in unlawful detention; including the head of syndicate Dr. Ahmed Elsheikh, his deputy; Dr. Nagib Nagmeldin and the spokesperson of the Sudan Professional Association; Dr. Mohamed Nagi Al Asm and the rest of tens of detained doctors, activists and all other political detainees.

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