

# SUDAN

## Protestants

### **Rev. Hassan ABDURAHEEM (Alias Kodi TAOUR)**

**Date and place of arrest:** On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015, at home in Omdurman, by National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) agents

**Charges:** Crimes against national security. He was accused of seven different charges which range from spying to lying about persecution, funding rebel movements in areas such as Darfur and South Kordofan and waging war against the state.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Article 53 and 51 of Sudan's law set the death penalty as the maximum sentence for waging war against the state and espionage respectively. According to the Sudanese law charges must be brought within 45 days from the arrest (Article 50, National Security Act)

**First court decision:** Unknown

**Place of detention:** On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 he was moved to Al-Huda detention center (Khartoum State) after one week at Omdurman men's prison.

**Other information:** Taour is a Reverend of the Sudan Church of Christ. He appeared in court on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016. He was held in custody for more than five months before he was charged.

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2016/02/4295797/>,

<https://www.mail-archive.com/deathpenalty@lists.washlaw.edu/msg15648.html>,

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/prayers.needed.urgently.for.christians.facing.death.penalty.in.sudan/98189.htm>

### **Mr Abdulmonem Abdumawla Issa ABDUMAWLA**

**Place of residence:** Darfur

**Date and place of arrest:** On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015, in Omdurman, by National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) agents

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**First court decision:** Unknown

**Place of detention:** On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 he was moved to Al-Huda detention center (Khartoum State) after one week at Omdurman men's prison.

**Other information:** Mr Abdumawla is a Christian converted Darfuri student. He is a friend of Mr. Omer, the man in need of medical treatment provided by the Czech doctor Petr JASEK (see below).

*Sources:* <http://www.csw.org.uk/2016/09/16/press/3252/article.htm>,  
[http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/sudan\\_160913.php?ref=Instorylnk](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/sudan_160913.php?ref=Instorylnk)

### **Mr. Petr JAŠEK (Czech citizen)**

**Place of residence:** Czech Republic

**Date and place of arrest:** On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015, at Khartoum Airport by NISS agents who found a receipt for \$5,000, signed by Reverend Abduraheem and Mr Abdumawla.

**Charges:** Mr. Jasek is accused of breaking several sections of Sudan's criminal code: conspiring against the state, espionage against the country, entering and photographing military areas and works, calling for opposition to public authority by use of violence, provoking hatred against or amongst sects, and publishing false news. In addition, he also faces charges of immigrating in illegal ways and conducting voluntary jobs without permission from the authorities under Sudan's immigration and passport laws.

**Statement of the defendant:** He denies the charges.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Article 53 and 51 of the Sudan's law set the death penalty as the maximum sentence for waging war against the state and espionage respectively.

**First court decision:** Unknown. He appeared in court on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

**Place of detention:** On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 he was moved to Al-Huda detention center in Omdurman after one week at Omdurman men's prison.

**Other information:** He is a Czech missionary and filmmaker Petr Jasek. He made a video about the persecution of Christians. He has a 20-year background in the medical field. In December 2015, Mr Jašek travelled to Khartoum and met Mr Omer, a friend of Mr. Abduraheem that needed medical treatment. Mr Jašek donated \$5,000 for Mr Omer's medical treatment, which was signed for by Reverend Abduraheem and Mr Abdumawla. The prosecution alleges that the \$5,000 Mr Jašek donated to Mr Omer's treatment was in reality support for rebel movements in the South Kordofan, Blue Nile and Darfur regions.

*Sources:* <https://www.icommittoprayer.com/request/456/czech-aid-worker>  
<http://www.csw.org.uk/2016/09/16/press/3252/article.htm>  
<http://www.persecutionblog.com/2016/09/pray-for-czech-christian-on-trial-in-sudan.html>

### **Talahon Nigosi Kassa RATTA**

**Age:** 36 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015, by National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) agents in Khartoum

**Charges:** Unknown

**Place of detention:** Unknown

**Date of release:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Other information:** He is a Christian activist who had been involved in organising protests against government interference with church property. A lawyer has requested to see him but has been denied contact by the prosecution for he is still being held by NISS.

*Source:* <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2016/02/4295797/>

### **Rev. Kuwa SHAMAL (Church of Christ)**

**Date and place of arrest:** He was first arrested on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015, at home in Khartoum North, by the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) agents. On 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015, he was released at midnight but required to report to the NISS daily at 8am. He was discharged of this on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016, but these obligations were reinstated in February 2016. He was rearrested on 24<sup>th</sup> May after his daily reporting to the NISS office.

**Charges:** He was accused of seven different charges: conspiring against the state, espionage against the country, entering and photographing military areas and works, calling for opposition to public authority by use of violence, provoking hatred against or amongst sects, and publishing false news. In addition, he also faced charges of immigrating in illegal ways and conducting voluntary jobs without permission from the authorities under Sudan's immigration and passport laws.

**Statement of the defendant:** He denies the charges.

**Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code:** Article 53 and 51 of the Sudan's law set the death penalty as the maximum sentence for waging war against the state and espionage respectively. According to the Sudanese law charges must be brought within 45 days from the arrest (Article 50, National Security Act).

**Place of detention:** NISS Detention Center, Khartoum, Sudan

**Date of release:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

**Other information:** He was amongst those who objected to the demolition of churches and vainly appealed to the Khartoum North Commissioner to prevent the demolition of the church he led in Thiba Al Hamyida, in Khartoum North, later razed to the ground with a twenty-four hours verbal notice by local officials.

*Source:* [https://www.prisoneralert.com/pprofiles/vp\\_prisoner\\_250\\_profile.html](https://www.prisoneralert.com/pprofiles/vp_prisoner_250_profile.html),

<http://www.csw.org.uk/2016/09/16/press/3252/article.htm>,

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/prayers.needed.urgently.for.christians.facing.death.penalty.in.sudan/98189.htm>

### **Pastor Philemon HASSAN**

**Place of residence:** Khartoum

**Date and place of arrest:** On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at home by NISS agents

**Charges:** Unknown

**Other information:**

*Source:* <http://morningstarnews.org/2016/03/pastor-in-north-khartoum-sudan-arrested-without-charges/>

**Pastor Hassan Abdelrahim KODI**

**Age/Date of birth:** 49 years.

**Date and place of arrest:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Place of detention:** Unknown

**Other information:** Arrested alongside Pastor Telal NGOSI (see below) and questioned about their involvement in a Christian conference in Addis Ababa. All information or updates about their location, charges or condition are unknown.

*Source:* <http://allafrica.com/stories/201602240283.html>

**Pastor Telal NGOSI**

**Age/Date of birth:** 44 years.

**Date and place of arrest:** On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Place of detention:** Unknown

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Pastor Hassan Abdelrahim KODI (see above) and questioned about their involvement in a Christian conference in Addis Ababa. All information or updates about their location, charges or condition is unknown.

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