

SUDAN

Protestants

Rev. Hassan ABDURAHEEM (Alias Kodi TAOUR)

Age: 49 years

Date and place of arrest: On 18th December 2015, at home in Omdurman

Charges: Accused of seven different charges including crimes against national security, 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: Penal Code Article 51 (Waging war against the State, punishable by death) and Article 53 (Espionage, punishable by death). According to the Sudanese law charges must be brought within forty-five days from the arrest (Article 50, National Security Act).

Last court decision: On 29th January 2017, he was sentenced to ten years in prison for espionage and abatement. He was also sentenced to an additional two years for inciting hatred between sects and for propagation of false news.

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

Date of release: 11th May 2017

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

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2016/02/4295797/> , <http://bit.ly/2bOcm2V> , <https://www.mail-archive.com/deathpenalty@lists.washlaw.edu/msg15648.html>, <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/prayers.needed.urgently.for.christians.facing.death.penaity.in.sudan/98189.htm>, <http://www.releaseinternational.org/call-to-free-czech-christian-given-life-for-spying-in-sudan/> , <http://www.csw.org.uk/2017/01/30/news/3440/article.htm>

Abdulmonem Issa ABDUMAWLA

Place of residence: Darfur

Date and place of arrest: On 17th December 2015, in Omdurman

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Last court decision: On 29th January 2017, he was sentenced to ten years in prison for espionage and abatement. He was also sentenced to an additional two years for inciting hatred between sects and for propagation of false news.

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

Date of release: 11th May 2017

Other information: He 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.

Source: <http://www.csw.org.uk/2016/09/16/press/3252/article.htm> , <http://bit.ly/2tePVpb>
http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/sudan_160913.php?ref=lnstorylnk ,
<http://www.csw.org.uk/2017/01/30/news/3440/article.htm>

Petr JAŠEK (Czech citizen)

Age: 52 years

Place of residence: Czech Republic

Date and place of arrest: On 15th December 2015, at Khartoum Airport

Charges: 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, publishing false news, 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: Penal Code Article 51 (Waging war against the State, punishable by death) and Article 53 (Espionage, punishable by death).

First court decision: On 21st August 2016, he appeared in court but the outcome is unknown.

Last court decision: On 29th January 2017, he was sentenced to life in prison (23 ½ years) for spying, and fined 100,000 Sudanese pounds [approximately €14,643] for undertaking NGO work without a permit.

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

Date of release: 26th February 2017

Other information: He is a Czech missionary and filmmaker Petr Jasek. He made a video about the persecution of Christians. He has a twenty-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 money Mr Jašek donated to Mr Omer's treatment was actually support for rebel movements in the South Kordofan, Blue Nile, and Darfur region. In February 2017 he was pardoned and freed by President Omar Bashir after the Czech Foreign Minister, Lubomir Zaoralek, visited Sudan to seek his release. On 26th February 2017, He was flown back to Prague with the Foreign Minister of the Czech Republic.

Source: <https://www.icommittoprayer.com/request/456/czech-aid-worker>, <http://bit.ly/2ti1mND>, <http://bit.ly/2mRgK0v>, <http://www.csw.org.uk/2016/09/16/press/3252/article.htm>, <http://bit.ly/2mRgK0v>, <http://www.persecutionblog.com/2016/09/pray-for-czech-christian-on-trial-in-sudan.html>, <http://www.releaseinternational.org/call-to-free-czech-christian-given-life-for-spying-in-sudan/>, http://www.csw.org.uk/our_work_country_sudan.htm

Rev. Kuwa SHAMAL (Church of Christ)

Date and place of arrest: He was first arrested on 19th December 2015, at home in Khartoum North, by the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) agents. See more details below under “Other information.”

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: Penal Code Article 51 (Waging war against the State, punishable by death) and Article 53 (Espionage, punishable by death). According to the Sudanese law charges must be brought within forty-five days from the arrest (Article 50, National Security Act).

Place of detention: NISS Detention Center, Khartoum, Sudan

Date of release: 2nd January 2017

Other information: On 21st December 2015, he was released at midnight but required to report to the NISS daily at 8am. He was discharged of this on 16th January 2016, but these obligations were reinstated in February 2016. He was rearrested on 24th May after his daily reporting to the NISS office. He was amongst those who objected to the demolition of churches and vainly appealed to the Khartoum North Commissioner. Later the church was razed to the ground with a twenty-four hour verbal notice by local officials.

Source: https://www.prisoneralert.com/pprofiles/vp_prisoner_250_profile.html, <http://www.csw.org.uk/2016/09/16/press/3252/article.htm>, <http://bit.ly/2tQXfFp>, <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/prayers.needed.urgently.for.christians.facing.death.penalty.in.sudan/98189.htm>