

## **Call for the release of Rev. Hassan ABDURAHEEM and Mr. Abdumonem ABDUMAWLA**

HRWF (07.03.2017) - Czech aid worker, Petr Jašek, was released from Sudanese prison last week after being pardoned and freed by President Omar Bashir. However, the two Sudanese church leaders he was arrested alongside, Hassan Abduraheem and Abdumonem Abdumawla, are still imprisoned.

HRWF calls for the Sudanese government to release Reverend Hassan Abduraheem and Mr. Abdumonem Abdumawla. The details of their case can be found below followed by instructions for joining our effort.

### ***Rev. Hassan Abduraheem and Mr. Abdumonem Abdumawla***

On 29 January 2017, Rev. Abduraheem and Mr. Abdumawla, both Christians, were found guilty of espionage and abatement, inciting hatred between religious groups, and propagation of false news. They were sentenced to a total of twelve years imprisonment each. Both men were arrested in December 2015 for "aiding and abetting" Petr Jasek in his alleged spying and were held for eight months before charges were filed in August 2016.

### ***Facts about the case of Mr. Abdumonem Abdumawla***

Mr Abdumawla was arrested by the NISS in December 2015 after he began collecting money to help his friend, Ali Omer, a young Darfuri student, who had been injured and seriously burned during a demonstration in July 2013. Mr Abdumawla was put in contact with Reverend Abduraheem and Mr Jašek, who then donated money towards Mr Omer's treatment.

Mr Abdumawla was held by the NISS between December 2015 and May 2016 and was not allowed to meet or communicate with his family during this time. He was moved to the Attorney General's custody in May 2016 when the prosecutor started his criminal investigation. Mr Abdumawla is currently being held in al-Huda Prison in Omdurman.

### ***Facts about the case of Rev. Hassan Abduraheem***

Reverend Abduraheem was arrested by the NISS at his home on 19 December 2015. The NISS held him until 9 May 2016, when he was moved to the Attorney General's custody. Thereafter the prosecutor started building a case against him, which revolves around a mere act of kindness. Reverend Abduraheem donated money towards medical treatment for Ali Omer. Reverend Abduraheem also facilitated a meeting between Mr Jašek and Mr Omer, after which Mr Jašek donated \$5,000 to Mr Omer's treatment.

While detained by the NISS, Reverend Abduraheem was not allowed to see his family, people from his church, or legal representatives. His family was especially concerned for his health as he suffers from stomach ulcers and they couldn't get his medication to him. He is currently being held in al-Huda Prison in Omdurman.

While Petr Jasek, who was found guilty of charges and sentenced to more than twenty years in prison, has been released on 27 February 2017, Reverend Abduraheem and Mr Abdumawla still remain in prison. They have launched appeals against their sentences, which have yet to be ruled on.

We at HRWF ask for your help to encourage Sudan to release Reverend Abduraheem and Mr. Abdumawla by writing letters to the following contacts. Please feel free to either write your own letter, or to use our model letter sampled below.

**Address letters to:**

Embassy of Sudan: [sudanbx@yahoo.com](mailto:sudanbx@yahoo.com)  
124 Avenue Franklin Roosevelt, 1050 Brussels. Belgium  
Tel.: +32 2 647 9494  
Fax: +32 2 648 3499  
and/or to the embassy of Sudan in your country. See the list at  
[https://embassy-finder.com/sudan\\_in\\_brussels\\_belgium](https://embassy-finder.com/sudan_in_brussels_belgium)

***Model letter***

**Subject:** Release of Rev. Hassan ABDURAHEEM and Mr. Abdumonem ABDUMAWLA

Excellency,

Mr. Hassan Abduraheem, Reverend of the Sudan Church of Christ and Mr. Abdumonem Abdumawla, a Christian converted Darfuri student, were found guilty on 29 January 2017 of charges which included espionage and abatement, incitation of hatred between sects and propagation of false news. They are each sentenced to a total of twelve years imprisonment.

The two men were arrested alongside Petr Jasek in December 2015 for "aiding and abetting" him in his alleged spying, and held for eight months before charges were filed in August 2016.

Petr Jašek was sentenced to 23 ½ years in prison for various charges but was released from prison on 27 February after being pardoned and freed by President Omar Bashir.

However, Reverend Abduraheem and Mr Abdumawla still remain in prison. They have launched appeals against their sentences, which have yet to be ruled on.

I am hereby urging the authorities of your country to release them.

Respectfully yours.

Name:

Country:

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***Other actions you can take:***

- Share with others!
- Send to friends
- Post on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media
- Raise this issue during your religious and prayer meetings.