

Your Excellency,

I am writing this letter to express my grave concern for the journalist and social media activist, Ahmed Al-Dai Bushara Joudah, who has been arbitrarily arrested and held without charge at the NISS detention centre since 16 July. The requests from his family to visit him have been rejected three times.

Prior to his arrest, he intensified his social media activism and shared many videos on Facebook critical of the Sudan government's economic policy. On 12 May, he was summoned by NISS and interrogated and questioned about his activism.

In addition, according to his family, Ahmed Al-Dai suffers from a chronic stomach disease. There is a concern that he may not be getting the medical care he requires.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Ahmed Al-Dai Bushara Joudah.

I also call on you to ensure that pending his release, Ahmed Al-Dai Bushara Joudah is granted regular access to his family, medical treatment he requires and a lawyer of his choice.

Furthermore, I urge you to ensure that, pending his release, he is not subjected to torture and any other ill-treatment while in detention.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,