

I am writing this to express my deep concern for Sandara Farouq Kadouda, a mother of 2, a medical doctor and political activist. Her whereabouts and condition are unknown since April 12.

Soon after she left home on the day to attend anti-elections event, her car was stopped by a group of men in plainclothes, suspected to belong to the NISS. They violently took her mobile phone while she was talking to a friend, who overheard shouting as Sandara Farouq Kadouda asked someone about their identity card. Soon the phone was switched off. 30 minutes later her car was found, abandoned on the street with the keys still inside.

Her family reported the incident to the police and the NISS, but they have refused to disclose details on Sandara Farouq Kadouda's whereabouts and condition.

Therefore, I must express my concern that Sandara Farouq Kadouda has been subjected to enforced disappearance and urge you to immediately disclose her whereabouts and inform her family.

At the same time, I call on you to release Sandara Farouq Kadouda immediately and unconditionally if she is solely being detained for peacefully exercising her rights.

I also urge you to ensure Sandara Farouk Kadouda is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated, and is given prompt access to a lawyer of her choice, family and medical attention. She suffers from chronic hypoglycaemia that requires her to adhere to a special diet and to take daily medication.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,