

(Translated from Arabic)

Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan, Geneva

Subject: The journalist Osman Mirghani

1. Mr. Osman Mirghani, editor-in-chief of Al-Tayyar newspaper, was arrested by the National Intelligence and Security Service on the charge of engaging in activities that provoke rioting, hatred and breaches of the peace.
2. The said person was arrested pursuant to articles 24, 25 and 50 of the National Security Act of 2010 in order to investigate his involvement in acts that undermined national security.
3. He was informed of all his constitutional and legal rights by the arresting authority, of his right to a lawyer and to notify his family of his whereabouts, and of the competent authority.
4. He received a number of visits from his family and friends, and from a delegation of the Federation of Journalists headed by [REDACTED] on 27 March 2019. They were informed that he was well treated, had access to newspapers and was able to keep abreast of all the news.
5. He enjoys comprehensive health care, in accordance with the health-care system. He has access to all his medicines, and medical examinations are conducted on a daily basis.
6. Investigations are being conducted under the supervision of the State Security Prosecutor's Office, and he will be brought to trial as soon as the investigations have been completed.
7. He did not benefit from the presidential pardon issued on 6 February because he was arrested after that date.
8. We expect him to be released or brought to trial in the very near future.
9. We shall keep you informed of any developments in this regard.
10. The Sudan reaffirms its commitment to all human rights instruments and to the protection of journalists and their full right to freedom of opinion and expression.

