

## Update Statement

### MOHAMMED.A. BAKHEIT RELEASED BUT IN BAD CONDITION



On 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the MI in Al-Abbasiya released Mohammed Awad Bakheit with severe torture scars and he is in a bad psychological condition. He was released after spending more than three months in solitary confinement.

Mr. Bakheit was arrested by MI in Al-Abbasiya on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in connection with [Kalinda](#) incident though there was no legal ground linking him to the incident. He was held/kept incommunicado and could not be accessed by his family or lawyers. During his detention, he was tortured both physically and psychologically (ill treatment). He was severely beaten/slashed on his back, denied medical care and insulted (racism insults). Up to date Mr. Bakheit is suffering from the torture wounds and scars and his skin is itching severely. He is not able to lay/sleep on his back/ supine position.

A medical expert (doctor) informed HUDO that, *the kind of scars on Mr. Bakheit seem to be as a result of a leather-whip saturated by sulfuric acid usually used by Sudanese MI to intensify the pain on the victim. The itching of the skin may last long.*

**HUDO** had issued an UA about this very case ([No. H.K/UA/03/018](#)) on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 warning about the likely torture. Therefore, **HUDO** calls upon Sudan government;



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- Sudan government to carry out an investigation about Mohammed Awad Bakheit's torture and to make the report public. Also hold to account the SAF and MI members responsible for the inhuman acts.
- Sudan government to end the state of emergency in conflict areas which enables MI to arrest civilians at will.
- Sudan government to practice/ follow the rule of law.
- The international community to press on Sudan to stop torture.

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