

**Sudan: Activists targeted with arbitrary arrest and incommunicado detention whilst the media remains restricted amidst crackdown on December 2018 peaceful protest.**

(17 January 2019) The African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies has received information that the National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) and police have since December 19 2018, carried out a mass campaign of arrests targeting activist including, doctors, human rights defenders, journalists, professors and political party leaders with arbitrary arrest and prolonged detention, in some cases incommunicado, for their participation or suspected participation in the protests that occurred across Sudan. Some of the detainees were subsequently released while others remain in NISS and police custody without charge or access to lawyers or family visits. Female detainees have been subjected to a thorough search while in detention centers and many have been asked about their tribes or where they come from. Many doctors in the cities of Atbara, Khartoum, and Obaid were arrested following a peaceful strike organized to show solidarity with protesters. ACJPS has received reliable information from one of the released detainees on 25 October 2018, that one of the doctors was allegedly assaulted and tortured by NISS whilst in detention. In Korodofan state, Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Osman was shot during a police raid to arrest and summon doctors. Many doctors were arrested from within the hospital. In Omdurman, a doctor was injured and four other protesters were killed after police fired teargas at protesters who were marching to deliver a letter calling for the resignation of President Omar Al Bashir to the Sudanese National Assembly in Omdurman on 9 January 2019. On 11 January 2019, the NISS of Khartoum arrested Dr AlFatih Omer Alsaid (m), the director of Toga Hospital after he announced that Toga hospital was providing free medical services to injured protesters. On 26 December 2018, Dr Mohamed Kamal was arrested and subjected to six-month detention under the emergency law in North Kordofan and has been transferred to Al-Obeid prison. Doctors in conjunction with the Sudanese Medical Council, have since the protest commenced provided medical services and released reports on protesters wounded and deceased.

ACJPS is deeply concerned about the continued incommunicado detention of human rights defender, Osman Salih under the emergency law. Mr. Osman Salih was detained on 24 December 2018 from his home in Al Obeid, North Kordofan state for his involvement in the protest. On 31 December 2018, he was transferred to Port Sudan prison of Red Sea State from Al-Obeid prison in North Kordofan state and was informed that he was being held under the emergency law for six months. This is the second time in 2018 that Mr. Salih is being arbitrarily detained under emergency law in connection with protests. Mr. Salih was [earlier arrested on](#)

[10 January 2018](#) during the anti-austerity measures protest and detained at NISS section of Alobid prison for six months under Emergency law of 2001. He was released on 19 March 2018 and was allegedly subjected to torture while in custody. Similarly, is the arrest and detention of Mr Mohamed Bagan, an advocate and human rights defender who was arrested on 25 December 2018, for participating in the protest. He is being detained incommunicado, for three months in Eldien, East Darfur under the emergency law. On 31 December 2018, two human rights defenders, Ms Samia Argawi and Bakri Gabriel who have been providing legal aid to protesters detained by police were arrested in Khartoum. Both are being detained incommunicado in the political section of the NISS. ACJPS has been informed that those in incommunicado detention have not had access to their lawyers or family members. On 9 January 2019, the NISS of Nyala, South Darfur, arrested six human right defenders whilst carrying out peaceful protest in solidarity with detainees in other Sudanese towns in front of Central Court of Nyala. We are concerned about the physical and psychological wellbeing of detainees as we fear they may be subjected to torture or ill treatment given the well the documented use of torture and ill treatment by NISS against detainees. In this report, ACJPS documents the arrest and detention of 30 human rights defenders, some of whom were arrested more than once since 19 December 2018.

ACJPS is also concerned about the frantic campaign launched by NISS against the press by imposing strict prior-publication censorship, monitoring the content of daily newspapers and banning of Journalist from writing. On 20 December 2018, newspapers were forced to reprint the copies of publications which had protests related headlines. Newspapers that refused to comply with instructions to reprint their editions such as Altyaar newspaper which is considered loyal to the ruling party, was denied distribution. Altyaar newspaper was also forced by NISS on 3 January 2018 to remove the article of Journalist, shamail Elnoor from the issue of the day. Ms. Elnoor was earlier arrested and released with group of Journalists from in front of Altyaar newspaper house on 27 December 2018. Also on 3 January 2018, Mohamed Abdel Almajid(m), a Journalist with Al-Siha Political newspaper and Goan Sport Newspaper was informed by both newspapers that he has been banned from writing by NISS because of an article he published criticizing the ruling party. On 25 December 2018, the government national media corporation stopped the work of one of its employee, a journalist who had published protest related articles on social media platforms. Four Journalists, Sarah Daifallah, Omi Abdelrazik, Khalid Fathi, and Iman were on 6 December 2018 arrested and allegedly physically assaulted while in NISS custody, their phones were also confiscated and inspected. This is not

the first time the media has been targeted by the security forces while covering protest. [In January 2018, NISS targeted opposition affiliated journalist that covered the anti-austerity measures protest with arrest and detention](#) and [prevented 8 newspapers from distribution](#). The continued arbitrary arrest and detention of journalists in response to their reporting on peaceful protests violates right to freedom of expression and free press as provided in article 39 of the Sudanese Interim National Constitution of 2005 and International and Regional human rights treaties that Sudan is a state party to. Media restriction by the authorities is usually aimed at silencing dissent and preventing the coverage and publication of information related to the demonstrations.

Although Articles 39 and 40 of the 2005 Sudanese Interim Constitution guarantees the freedom of expression and assembly respectively, Sudanese authorities have progressively and deliberately continued violating these rights through arrest, detention and prosecution of protesters for malicious and fabricated charges usually under [Articles 69 \(disturbance of public peace\) and 77 \(public nuisance\) of Sudanese Criminal Code](#) and subjecting protesters to long detention periods under the Emergency laws. In [our recent report, we reported the placement of 17 protesters on six months detention period in Shala Prison](#) in North Darfur under the emergency law. Protesters in Al-Tartar in South Kordfan State and Al-Deain in East Darfur State were detained for three months under the emergency laws in December 2018. In Sudan, only the states of Khartoum and Red Sea have not applied the emergency laws which usually authorize preventive arrest and detention on the basis of vague grounds without time limits to the detention.

Article 51 of the Sudanese National Security and Intelligence Law of 2010 which permits investigative detentions for up to 4 and half months is being used against the Peaceful protesters in Khartoum, Wad Madani, Port Sudan, Atbara, and Sinar to arrest innocent protesters including twenty professors of Khartoum University and Al Nelein University as well as members of opposition parties, members of trade union secretariat, Teachers associations, Doctors, Human Rights defenders, Lawyers, and Journalists.

ACJPS deplores the targeting of human rights defenders, journalist and other activist and calls on the Government of Sudan to respect the people's rights to freedom of assembly, association and expression as guaranteed in international standards and UN treaties ratified by Sudan. We strongly urge security agencies to stop harassing and intimidating Sudanese citizens, including human rights defenders, doctors and journalists and others who seek to exercise their rights to

freedom of expression, association, and assembly. The authorities must guarantee in all circumstances that human rights defenders and journalist are able to carry out their legitimate activities without fear of reprisals and free of all restrictions, including judicial harassment. We further urge the Government to release those in detention, in absence of valid legal charges that are consistent with international standards, and grant those in detention access to courts to challenge their detention.

## **BACKGROUND**

Sudanese authorities have continued to use force including firing of live ammunition to disperse peaceful protests around Sudan resulting in several deaths and injury of Sudanese citizens during the December 2018– January 2019 protest that was sparked off by the increase in prices of basic commodities and fuel, resulting from the austerity measures imposed under the 2018 Sudanese Budget. The demonstration which initially denounced the rising cost of living and shortages of food and fuel quickly developed into an anti-government rally calling for the resignation of President Omar Al Bashir by 31 December 2018, following a violent response from the Sudanese authorities. State security responded to the peaceful protests with lethal force. African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies received reliable information of the involvement of [unidentified individuals wearing masks](#) and reportedly affiliated with the ruling party who have targeted protestors with force and used tear gas to disperse protests. By 31 December, at least [13 protesters had been killed and over 50 injured including minors](#). More than 80 people have been [arrested and detained](#) since the protest begun on December 19 2018, including lawyers, politicians, activist, advocates, doctors and students among others.

This is the second time in 2018 that security agencies have targeted activist with arrest and detention during a protest. In January 2018, following a country wide protest against austerity measures imposed under 2018 budget, [hundreds of protesters including activists were arrested and detained incommunicado](#).

### **Deaths and Injuries in Omdurman State.**

On 9 January 2019, four people were killed and 8 others injured after residents of Omdurman town marched on the streets to deliver a letter calling for the stepping down of President Omar Al Bashir and members of national assembly to Sudanese National assembly located in Omdurman. The first protest group started their march from Al-Shuhada bus station while heading to the Sudanese National building. The second group of protesters marched from Al-Arbai main street heading to meet with first group in the zero point at the National assembly

building. The Sudanese armed forces in police uniform deployed in the main streets ordered both groups of protesters not to proceed with their march. When protesters refused to heed to their request, police fired tear gas and live bullets into the crowd killing 4 and injuring 8, including a doctor. Protesters sought for safety in Omdurman hospital. Police followed protesters inside the hospital and continued firing tear gas and live bullets inside the hospital. Patients in intensive care unit and emergency unit of Omdurman Hospital were affected by the teargas. Many protesters were allegedly beaten inside the hospital. Police officers also followed some protesters inside private houses where they had run for safety and allegedly, several people including house residents were beaten.

The four-people killed are;

1. Mohamed AL Mustafa Alhaj Hugli (m), 17 years of Old, Student of Bashir Mohamed Saeed high school.
2. Haytham Maharous (m), he died on 10 of January 2019.
3. Salih Abdul Wahab Salih Osman (m), he is the nephew of Mr. Wajdi Salih (m) an advocate in NISS custody.
4. Mohamed Alfatih (m)

ACJPS has documented the details of those injured, they include;

1. Abu Algasim Abu Bakar (m), his foot was shot.
2. Bashir Mustafa (m), Doctor, he was shot in the chest
3. Husham Osman Alshwani (m), he was shot in the stomach
4. Mullhim (m), he was shot in the head
5. Yasir Mohamed Ali (m), he was shot in the feet
6. Anans Mohamed Ali (m), he was shot in the chest
7. Munzir Azhari (m), a doctor, he was shot in the chest
8. Abashar Alhaj abdulsalam(m), Lecture at Alahfad University, she has injuries in his head from the teargas canister.

### **Death resulting from a shooting by NISS in Omdurman and Khartoum.**

On 10 January 2019, Mr Huzifa Mohamed Osman's body was found in Bashir hospital in Khartoum. Mr Huzifa was allegedly shot during the protest in Omdurman on 9 January 2019. There is no explanation as to how his body reached Bashair Hospital which is located in South of Khartoum.

On 11 January 2019, the family of Salih Yagoub Omer (m), a 20-year-old University student identified his dead body found at Omdurman hospital. Mr. Salih, originally from Krindinf, in West Darfur State was allegedly shot and arrested during a raid by NISS in a house in Aldrushab neighborhood in Khartoum Bahari on 28th December 2018. He was arrested with group of Darfurian Students by NISS.

### **Details of arrest and detention**

ACJPS received information about the following human rights defenders and Journalist arrested, where available, the release dates have been included.

On 9th January 2019, the NISS of Nyala in South Darfur arrested six human right defenders whilst carrying out peaceful protest in solidarity with detainees in other Sudanese towns in front of Central Court of Nyala. They were released that same day at 7 Pm but were instructed to report the following at NISS office. Their names are;

1. Adam Mohamed Sharif (m), advocate, the coordinator of democratic lawyer's alliance chairperson of Darfur Bar association in South Darfur
2. Adil Abdalla Nasir Eldien (m), advocate and vice present of Darfur Bar association in South Darfur.
3. Altayeb Alhadi Abdalla (m) advocate
4. Daoud Jedo (m), Advocate
5. Ali Judo (m), advocate
6. Mohamed Abu Lagsim Aljazuli (m) Advocate

7. On 8 January 2019, NISS of Khartoum arrested Mr Salih Mahmoud Mohamed Osman (m), an advocate, vice president of Darfur Bar association and member of the central committee of Sudanese communist Party from his office in Khartoum. Mr. Salih was arrested following a statement he made on media alleging that killing of the protesters fall under crimes against humanity. Mr. Salih was earlier [arrested during the January 2018 anti-austerity protests and detained for about 3 months](#) before being released on 19 March 2018.

8. On 6 January 2019, the NISS of Khartoum arrested Dr. Muntasir Altayeb (m), a professor at the school of medicine at Khartoum University. He was arrested along with 20 other professors and lectures form in front of the University. Mr. Altayeb was [earlier arrested on 3 January 2019 from the office of Dr Hassan Abdul Atti](#), a professor at the University of Khartoum. Mr. Altayeb was released a few hours after his arrest.

9. On 6 January 2019, the NISS of Khartoum arrested Mohamed Al-Amin (m), a freelance Journalist from Alsid Abdul Rahman Street. Together with other two journalists, they were taken to the NISS Political section of Khartoum Bahri. He sat for four hours and was allegedly subjected to a beating by one of the NISS officers before being interrogated about his coverage of the protests. He was released later that same day.

10. On 6 January 2019, Khadija Eldewihi (f), a human rights defender was arrested from Buri roundabout in Khartoum. She was taken to a detention center in Khartoum and released that same day. She was allegedly subjected to verbal abuse.

12. On 25 December 2018, Ms Sara Daif Alla (f), a freelance Journalist was arrested and allegedly beaten by NISS whilst in custody before being released that same day. Ms Daif Alla was again arrested and detained on 31 December 2018.

13. On 3 January 2019, the NISS of Khartoum arrested Faisal Mohamed Salih(m), a journalist and human rights defender on his way for an interview with Alhadath panorama program. He was released 5 January 2019.

On 31 December 2018, the NISS arrested the following people,

14. Manal Awad Khugali(f), a member of democratic lawyer alliance.

15. Haram Osman (f), human right defenders and member of Sudanese Communist Party. She was released later that same day.



16. Bakri Gerbil, an advocate, human rights defender and member of Sudanese Communist party.

17. Egbal Ahmed Ali(m), member of the Sudanese Congress Party. She was released later of that same day.

18. Halima Hussein(f), human rights defender and member of Sudanese Communist Party. She was released later on the same day.

19. Kamal Karar(m), a journalist and member of Sudanese Communist party.

20. On 3 January 2019, Ali Abu Algasim (m), an advocate and human rights defenders was arrested by NISS in Al-Obeid, North Kordofan during a peaceful protest. He was previously arrested for participating in the January 2018 anti- austerity measures protest on 10 January 2018 and released on 18th February 2018.

22. On 27 December 2018, the NISS of Khartoum arrested two Female human right defenders and journalists working for Altyaar newspaper. They were arrested while standing in front of the newspaper house of Altyaar in Khartoum with other journalist and then taken to the media department of the NISS located in Al-Amarrat neighborhood, 57<sup>th</sup> street, in Khartoum. Both were released later that same day after being informed that they were mistakenly arrested by an officer from the media department of NISS. Their cellophanes were returned. Their names are;

23. Shamail Elnoor, (f)

23. Maha Eltelieb (f)

24. On 24 December 2018, Osman Salih, an advocate, human rights defender and member of Sudanese Communist Party was arrested from his home in Alobid in North Kordfan State. Mr. Salih was [earlier arrested on 10 January 2018](#) during the anti-austerity measures protest and detained at NISS section of Alobid prison for six months under Emergency law of 2001. He was released on 19 March 2018.

25. On 22 December 2018 Hnadi Fadul (f), an advocate, human rights defender and member central committee of Sudanese communist party was arrested in Wad Madani neighborhood in Aljazeera State. She was earlier arrested on 20 January 2018 during the anti-austerity measures protest in Khartoum by NISS and briefly detained at the political section



located in Khartoum Bahari before she was transferred to Omdurman Women prison. She was released on 18th February 2018.

26. On 22 December 2018, Farooq Abu Issa, an advocate, human rights defender and also the chairperson of the National Call Alliance of opposition party was arrested by NISS. He was arrested from Albaath Party house located in Omdurman and later dropped at Omdurman Hospital after stating that he was unwell. He remains admitted at Omdurman Hospital. Mr Abu was earlier arrested and charged under Sudanese Anti-terrorism law of 2001 in 2014 following his participation in Sudan Call Alliance meeting held in Aldiss Ababa.

27. On 22 December 2018, Saatia Al-haj, advocate, human rights defender and member of Arabic Nasiri opposition party was arrested from Albaath Party house located in Omdurman. Mr. Haj had earlier been arrested in September 2013 following the peaceful demonstrations against the economic policies announced by the government of removal of oil subsidies.

28. On 21 December 2018, Ihsan Fagiri (f), a doctor and chairperson of No Repression against Women was arrested from her home located in Kafori of Khartoum Bahari. She was released the following day at 1:00Am in morning.

29. On 20th December 2018, Jafar Khidir (m), human Rights defender and an online blogger known for his activism on social media was arrested from Al-Shorooq neighborhood in Eastern Sudan by NISS of Algardarif and released on 21 December 2018. He was threatened with a further arrest should he continue supporting the protest on social media. He is disabled and moves on wheel chair, he was released on 21 December. Mr Khidir was arrested again from his home located in Daiem Bakr neighborhood in Algardarif on 6 January 2018.

30. Ms Samia Argawi (f), an advocate and human rights defender was detained on 21 December 2018 at Northern Police station in Khartoum where she had gone to provide legal aid to a group of student protesters who were arrested by police in Khartoum and was released later that same day. On 31 December 2018, Ms. Aragwi was again summoned on phone at 2 Pm to report to the NISS offices in Khartoum Bahari, she was subsequently detained and continues to remain in detention. A reliable source informed ACJPS that NISS officers said she will not be released anytime soon because she has previously been arrested several times for participating in protests. Ms. Aragwi was arrested by NISS earlier on 6 January 2018, [during the protest against the economic austerity measures that led to increase of prices of basic commodities in January 2018](#). She was detained at the NISS section of Omdurman women prison and released on 18 February 2018.

31. Mr Bakri Gabriel, a human rights defender, and an advocate who has been providing legal assistance to detained protesters was arrested on 31 December 2018 from Khartoum North Court with a group of lawyers. Prior to his arrest, police officers had summoned him on phone to appear in their offices but he did not respond to their request.

ACJPS received information about the following professors arrested and detained on 6 January 2019 in the state of Khartoum, where available, the release dates have been included.

1. Muntasir Altayeb (m), Doctor and professor at school of medicine Khartoum University, Mohamed Yousef (m), professor at school of economy Khartoum University
2. Mohamed Alamin (m) professor at School of Botany Khartoum University
3. Mohamed Abdalla (m), professor at school of math Khartoum University
4. Faisal (m) professor at school.
5. Mohamed Younies (m), professor at faculty of Art, Khartoum University
6. Mamdoh Mohamed Al-Hassan (m), professor at Khartoum university
7. Walid Awad alleged (m) professor at Khartoum university
8. Omer Alhebir Yousef (m),
9. Mohamed Amin Sidiq (m)
10. Ali Seury (m), professor at Khartoum university
11. Abu Barar Seraj Eldien (m), professor at Khartoum university
12. Esmaat Mahmoud(m), professor at faculty of Art Khartoum University
13. Ahmed Abdul Rahim jamil (m), professor at faculty of Art Khartoum University
14. Nada albushra(f), lecture at Khartoum University
15. Hind Emaad(f), lecture at Khartoum University
16. Huyaam Saih (f), lecture at Khartoum University
17. Abbas Taha (m), professor at faculty of Art Khartoum University
18. Dafa Alla Suliman Alsidq(m), professor at faculty of Art Khartoum University
19. Manal seyam (f), a professor at Khartoum university
20. Ahmed Omer Al-Amin (m), a professor at Khartoum University.

All Khartoum University professors and lectures were released later that same day.

The following people were detained by NISS on 6 January 2019 in Khartoum.

21. Khadija Eldewihi(f), human rights defender. she was arrested from Buri roundabout in Khartoum.
22. Abdalla Mohamed Ibrahim (m), advocate, Khartoum
23. Mohamed Abdalla Abdul Rahman (m), he is the chairperson of Aljazeera State Teachers Association.
24. Abu Bakar Abbas(m)
25. Nasur Osman(m)
26. Adam Yagoup Amin(m), Omdurman Islamic University Student,
27. Wail Osman (m) Elneleen University

On 6th of January 2019, NISS of Khartoum arrested Abdalla Al-Beseri (m) from Bashdar Station in Aldaiem neighborhood in Khartoum state as police fired tear gas against peaceful protesters.

The following were arrested and detained on 5 January 2019 in Khartoum by NISS.

28. Yasir Elsir(m), he was arrested from Khartoum by a group of 13 members of NISS, some of whom has masked faces. Mr. Yasir had just been discharged from hospital on January 3 2019 after surviving a bullet injury he sustained when security officials fired live bullets at protesters in Khartoum on 25 December 2018.
29. Abdul AL Rahim Abdalla (m), a Pharmacist and member of Sudanese Professional Front was arrested from his pharmacy located in helate Koko neighborhood in Al Haj Yousef of Khartoum Bahari.
30. Howida Mohamed Elhassan (f), Doctor, Gynecologist, and member of Sudanese Gynecologists Committee. She works for Alban Jaded Hospital in Al Haj Yousef, Khartoum Bahari.
31. Adiba Alsaied (f). Doctor of internal medicine.
32. Ehsan Abdul Aziz (f), member of Sudan People Liberation -North sector “SPLM-N”

The NISS of Khartoum arrested the following people on January 4 2019 in Khartoum.

33. Mohamed Ngai Alas am (m), the chairperson of the Sudanese Professional Front. The Sudanese Professional Front is one of the bodies leading the protest in

alliance with the trade union, Khartoum University Professors Association, Doctors Association, and political parties like Sudanese Communist party, Arabic Bath Party, Nasir Arabic Party, the opposition wing of Democratic Unionist party, and youth movements.

34. Mr. Ahmed Rabia (m), member of Sudanese Professional Front was arrested by NISS from his secretary's house in Al-Haj Yousef neighborhood, in Khartoum Bahari. His family was reportedly threatened during arrest.

On 2 January 2019, the NISS of Khartoum arrested three activists from Al-Gandowl roundabout in Center of Khartoum. Their names are;

35. Hassam Quraysh (m)
36. Ahmed El-Sharif (m)
37. Mohamed Ali (m)

On 3 January 2019, the NISS of Khartoum arrested the following political activists,

38. Awad Abdul Bain Babkir (m).
39. Yahya Mohamed Mudalal
40. Al- Hindi Mohamed Omer
41. Omer Mohamed Ahmed
42. Mohamed
43. Mohamed Al-Hadi
44. Mayson Al-Nojomi (f), she is member of Sudanese Communist party
45. Faisal Babo (m), political activist

The following were arrested by NISS near Khartoum Stadium.

46. Mr Emad Al-Araki (m), and
47. Sidiq Adlan (m)
48. Emad Al-Araki (m)
49. Sidiq Adlan (m)

On 3 January 2019, NISS of Port Sudan in the state of Red Sea, Eastern Sudan arrested the following detainees;

50. Khalid Mohamed Noor (m)
51. Jafar Abdul Gadir (m), he was also shot in the head.

On 7 January 2019, NISS of Port Sudan in Red Sea state arrested the following detainees after their participation on peaceful protest

- 52. Al-Hassan Kuna (m)
- 53. Abdul Aziz Mukhtar (m)
- 54. Faris Abdul Hai (m)

On 9 January 2019, NISS arrested the following politicians;

- 55. Hashim Mergani (m), a member of central committee of Sudanese Communist Party. He is also the political secretary of Aljazeera and Almanagil sector of the party. He was arrested from Wad Madani neighborhood in Aljazeera State.
- 56. Nasur Eldien Hassan (m), a member of Sudanese Communist Party
- 57. Osman Hamad Abdul Rahman (m), member of Sudanese Communist Party
- 58. Zakie Mansour (m), he was arrested from Senar State.
- 59. Nematte Malik (m)
- 60. Salwa Adam Benia (f), a member of Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army, Northern sector (SPLM-N).
- 61. Manal Al-Awal (f), a member of Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army, Northern sector (SPLM-N).

On 10 Jan 2019, NISS of Kosti in White Nile state arrested the following,

- 62. Musa Ahmed Alwan (m), a member of Umma National Party
- 63. Al-Sadiq Ahmed
- 64. Omer Abdul Rahim (m)
- 65. Alsadiq Seraj Eldien
- 66. Alradi Alfadil
- 67. Abdalla Yagoub
- 68. Hussein Abdelgani

On 6 of January 2019, NISS of Khartoum arrested Mr Abdalla Al-Beseri(m) from Bashdar Station in Aldaiem neighborhood, Khartoum while participating in the protest after tear gas was fired at protesters by security officials.

On 30 December 2019, the NISS of Khartoum arrested Mohamed Yousef (m), an advocate and human right Defender from his office in Khartoum, he was injured while avoiding the tear gas canisters.

On 11 January 2019, the NISS of Khartoum arrested Dr AlFatih Omer Alsaid (m), the director of Toga Hospital. He was arrested from Abu Roof neighborhood in Omdurman on his way out of the hospital after “Alassr” prayers. Mr. Alfatih had announced earlier that Toga Hospital is providing free medical assistance to injured protesters.

### **Raids and arrest in private residents by NISS**

On 11 January 2019, NISS of Khartoum arrested the following from their homes;

1. Amal Alzain (f), advocate, human right defender
2. Afaf Arbab (f), she was arrested from her relative’s house located in Buri neighborhood in Khartoum.

On 11 January 2019, NISS of Wad Madani in Aljazeera State arrested 2 people from their home. They include;

3. Babki Osman (m) member of Sudanese Communist Party
4. Al\_sir Alzain (m)

On 10 January 2019, NISS raided the house of Mr Abdalla Khalil (m), the former prime minister of Sudan (1958-1964) in search of Mr. Amir Abdalla Khalil (m). The house was surrounded by NISS military cars and about 12 tear gas canisters were thrown into the house before the NISS forced their way inside the house and arrested Mr. Ibrahim Abdalla Khalil. The teargas affected family members including children as young as 8 months old.

On 4 January 2019, at about 8:15 Pm, armed NISS members of Khartoum raided a house located in Shamabte neighborhood in Khartoum Bahari in search of Mr Bakari Hadra(m), a pilot. The NISS allegedly threatened Mr Bakari’s family members when they couldn’t find him. Mr Bakari is being hunted by NISS allegedly for supporting the protest and calling for the stepping down of president Omar Al Bashir through a video he posted on social media.

On 9 January 2019, Mr Mustafa Ayman Al-Khateeb (m) was arrested during a raid by about 10 NISS members in the house of Ms. Amani Osman Hamid, a human rights defender. The NISS officers left a message informing Ms. Amani Osman Hamid that they will not release Mustafa unless she reports to their office. On 12 January 2019, Amani was arrested from her relative’s home in Khartoum Bahari and transferred to Omdurman women’s prison.

### **Detention under emergency legal framework**

On January 3 2019, a group of joint forces of Sudanese Military Army, NISS and Police detectives aboard 16 military cars armed with “Dushka tanks” raided a peaceful protest in Tartat town of South Kordfan and arrested 23 protesters who were transferred to Abu Jebiha prison on a three months detention period under the emergency law. They include;

1. Bakri Mohamed Ahmed (m), 29 years of Old.
2. Loai Mohamed Ahmed (m), 23 of Old.
3. Nadir Jabir (m) 35 of Old.
4. Ali Ahmed Elhassan (m), 30years of Old.
5. Fadlallah Alnuair (m), 32 of Old.
6. Babkir Ahmed Eltigani (m)
7. Loai Ahmed Eltigiani (m)
8. Ibrahim Al Haj Abdulkariem (m)
9. Babakr Mohamed Omer (m)
10. Ahmed Alkarar (m)
11. Ahmed Adam Mohamed al-Habish kick name “Abu Aziza)
12. Ahmed Mohamed Al-Habish (m)
13. Bashir Yassin Idris (m)
14. Mohamed Ahmed Adam Mohamed.

### **Arrest and banning of journalist.**

Security officials have detained several journalists as they covered the December 2018 protests and restricted a number of national newspapers from reporting on the protests.

On 4 January 2019, around 3:00 PM, the NISS of Port Sudan in Red Sea State arrested Salih Ahmed (m), a freelance Journalist after carrying out a search at his house.

On 4 January 2019, the NISS of Khartoum summoned Saad Eldien Hassan, the corresponded of Al Hadath Television in Sudan. Mr. Hassan actively covered the December 2018 protest in Sudan. He reported to the NISS office and spent eight hours seated on chair before being interrogated about his media coverage to the protests. He was told by NISS that he is not professional and that he is working against the interest of the country. A NISS officer took his phone and forced to disclose his password, took his work identity card. He was released that same day and instructed to report the following day of 5 January 2019. Mr. Saad Eldien



reported on 5 January 2018 to the NISS office where he was interrogated and instructed again to report the following day on 6 January 2018.

On 6 January 2019, NISS arrested four journalists who were covering a protest in Khartoum. Their names are;

1. Mohamed Al-Amin (m), freelance Journalist
2. Ahmed Younies (m), Middle East newspaper correspondent
3. Abdul Rahman Jabar (m), journalist with Al-Akhbar news paper
4. Sara Daif Alla (f), freelance Journalist. She was earlier arrested and allegedly beaten on 25 December 2018 before being released that same day.

Journalist Faisal Mohammed Salah, director of Taiba Press, also a human rights activist was arrested while heading to appear on an episode of Panorama that is broadcasted by Alhadath TV channel.

Sudan 24 channel, which is considered loyal to the government, stopped Journalist, Yusuf AL Jalal from working after his comment on the British Broadcasting Corporation about the ongoing protests.

Journalist Mohammed Abdulmajd was banned from writing by NISS allegedly because of his criticism of the government system.

There was use of excessive tear gas in front of Al-Tiar and Al-Sahafa newspapers' buildings.

Aljazeera channel's correspondent, Ahmed Al Rehaid was allegedly assaulted on the 25th of December 2018 by NISS.

### **Pre-publication censorship of Algareeda Newspaper.**

On 11 January 2019, the Pre-publication censorship continued against Algareeda newspaper. Algareeda newspaper was denied publication on 10 January 2019 by NISS after refusing to remove protest related articles as instructed by NISS.