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Federica Mogherini

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

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Dear Federica,

I would like to bring to your attention the detention of 10 Sudanese citizens from Darfur.

I have received information that on Saturday 13th of October, officers of the National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) arrested 13 Sudanese Christians during a religious meeting in the house of the church leader.

Three of them of Christian background were released in the following two days of the arrest. However, the other 10 were citizens who had converted from Islam to Christianity and remain in detention. They have not been officially charged nor allowed visits.

The names of the detained are Tajadin Idris Yousef, Alfadhil Ismael Alnil, Ahmad Mohamed Hassan Daldoum, Nasr Aldin Osman, Shamen Ahmad Shamen, Abubakr Biri (also known as: Abubakr Muhammad Ibrahim), Kamal Yahaya Adam, Mutasim Ali Mutasim, Abdallah and Mojahid Abdelmunim Ibrahim.

I therefore urge you and the European External Action Service to inquire the Sudanese authorities on the detention of these citizens in order to clarify if the arrests were based on the citizens' faith and if so, to condemn these unlawful actions.

Best regards
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