



An unprecedented incident occurred on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at about three o'clock in the afternoon in Khartoum capital city of Sudan. The Sudan's National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) raided the office of Mr. Nabeel Adeeb, a leading Sudanese human rights lawyer and defender. Mr. Adeeb was meeting with a group of students who had been dismissed from the University of Khartoum. The raid was characterized by the use of excessive force, and at least 11 students were arrested. The students are seeking legal aid from Mr. Adeeb's office to challenge the administration's decision of University of Khartoum to dismiss them. The grounds for the dismissal decision were based on the involvement of students in protests against the plan to sell the University of Khartoum historical campus and the brutal killing of Abubakar Hassan Mohamed Taha, a first year engineering student at the University of Kordofan.

This is an unlawful assault, and there is grave concern for the safety of those detained, all of them are believed to be held incommunicado in NISS detention centers. There are also fears that there will be an official backlash against growing public opposition to the government and alarming continuing deterioration of the human rights situation in Sudan.

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## *Please Appeal to:*

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- Sudan Human Rights Network (SHRN) strongly condemns the use of excessive and unlawful force by NISS
- SHRN is deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of detainees, and demands that NISS reveal the whereabouts of the detainees immediately and either to charge them in accordance with the law or immediately and unconditionally release them.
- SHRN demands an immediate investigation into this incident at Mr. Adeeb's office to ensure that those responsible for the raid and other unlawful use of force are accountable
- SHRN urges The United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHRR) to protect basic human rights in Sudan.