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Arrest of Dr. Mudawi Ibrahim Adam, Mr. Yasir Saleem and Mr. Abdalla Taha.

The Darfur relief and Documentation Centre (DRDC) received information that on Sunday, 8th May 2005 the Security Forces in Sudan rearrested Dr. Mudawi Ibrahim Adam together with Mr. Yasir Saleem and their vehicle driver Mr. Abdalla Taha. Dr. Mudawi is Chairperson of the Sudan Social Development Organization (SUDO) and an internationally acclaimed human rights campaigner. They were arrested in Khartoum North (Khartoum Bahri) near Al-Baraka Bank at about 11:00am. They are currently being held at the Security Detention Centre in Khartoum North.

DRDC is concerned that this is not the first time the Security Forces in Sudan infringes upon the rights and personal freedom of Dr. Mudawi. In fact this is the third time that he was arrested mainly because of his activities for a peaceful end to the armed conflict in Darfur. He was arrested and detained without trial by the National Security and Intelligence Agency from 28th December 2003 to September 2004. He was rearrested from 24th January to 3rd March 2005. On all previous occasions he was acquitted for the lack of evidence on the charges brought against him by the security forces.

DRDC condemns this arbitrary and unwarranted arrest of Dr. Mudawi and his colleagues and expresses its fears that their lives could be in serious danger as Sudan’s security forces are notorious for their routine practice of physical and psychological torture against political detainees. DRDC calls on the government of Sudan to release Dr. Mudawi and his colleagues immediately or produce them before a competent court of law without delay.

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