

Statement of solidarity with the Sudanese people

The signed human rights organizations in the Arab region express deep concern over the violations committed by the Sudanese authorities following the outbreak of peaceful protests in Khartoum and various Sudanese cities to protest against the economic crisis, deterioration of the political reality and gross violations of human rights.

The demonstrations that took place in Sudanese cities fall under freedom of expression and freedom of assembly guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as well as the provisions of the Sudanese Constitution in force in article 40.

In the Sudanese government, the repressive authorities against public freedoms and human rights have resorted to violence and excessive force to disperse peaceful protests. In the last few days, 22 December 2018, more than 40 victims of extrajudicial killings and more than 400 were injured. In addition, members of political parties, trade unions, women's associations, civil society activists, journalists, and writers have been arrested.

The undersigned underscore the right of the Sudanese people to express their views and exercise freedom of peaceful assembly, to demand the cessation of violations, to put an end to unemployment, to criticize and entrench the phenomenon of corruption, to condemn the spread of repression of public freedoms, to violate the Constitution and the international conventions and to circumvent them. Apart from the principles of truth, equality and the building of a decent life for human beings, are humanitarian demands. The rights of Sudanese to express their views cannot be violated by suppressing peaceful gatherings or arbitrary security pursuits.

The organizations condemn the oppressive practices of the executive authorities in various Sudanese cities and demand that those responsible will be punished. All political prisoners should be immediately released and detained because of the recent demonstrations and respond to legitimate popular demands in promoting human rights principles, achieving equal citizenship and social justice and stopping violations.

The undersigned organizations confirm the following points:

1. Immediately release all political prisoners, trade unionists, civil society activists and detainees of conscience.
2. Achieving social justice and separating wealth and power on the one hand, and separating the three authorities on the other.
3. Prevent the use of all forms of violence and weapons in the face of peaceful marches and demonstrations.
4. Respect for the right to peaceful demonstration and to listen to the demands of the popular masses and their implementation.
5. To compensate all victims who have been affected in past demonstrations and to offer apology to their families and to the people by the executive authority.
6. Prosecute all perpetrators of violations against demonstrators and media.
7. The UN Special Rapporteur on the right to assembly calls for a fact-finding visit.

Signatories

1. Amman Center for Human Rights(ACHRS)
2. The Jordanian Society for Human Rights
3. Arab Women Organization of Jordan – AWO

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Amman Center for Human Rights Studies

4. Arab Women Media Center / Jordan
5. Society for Jordanian Jurist
6. Social Economic Empowerment for Women / Jordan
7. Amman Forum Society for Human Rights(AFSHR)
8. Human Rights Committee at the Bar Association / Jordan
9. The Union of Jordanian Independent Trade Unions
10. Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture /
Lebanon
11. Yemen Organization for the Defense of Democratic Rights
and Freedoms
12. Human Rights Organization in Syria – MAF
13. Damascus Center for the Study of Civil and Political Rights
14. Arab European Center for Human Rights / Norway
15. The Libyan Society for Human Rights and Scientific
Research / Libya
16. International Observatory for Documentation of Human
Rights Violations / Argentina
17. The International Organization for Human Rights and
International Law
18. Monitor for Human Rights / Lebanon
19. Arab Program for Human Rights Activists / Egypt
20. Jerusalem Center for Legal Aid and Human
Rights/Palestine
21. Coalition of human rights organizations in Iraq
22. Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS" /
Palestine
23. Iraqi League for Human Rights Training Association
24. International Center for Supporting Rights and Freedoms

25. Iraqi minority coalition network
26. Yezidi Organization for Documentation / Iraq
27. Gulf Institute for Democracy and Human Rights
28. Bahrain Forum for Human Rights
29. Salam Organization for Democracy and Human Rights
30. Algerian League for Defense Human Rights
31. Al Sahel Authority for the Defense of Human Rights /
Mauritania
32. International Alliance for Peace and Human Rights in the
Middle East and the Arab World / Mauritania
33. Al-Mezan Association for the Development of Human
Rights in Iraq
34. Mauritanian Society for Promoting Human Rights
35. Tunisian Society for Democratic Women
36. Jordan Network for Human Rights
37. Arab Network for Human Rights Trainers
38. Arab Coalitions against the Death Penalty
39. Tunisian League for Defense Human Rights
40. Jordan Coalition against the Death Penalty