



# Weekly Report

## Sudan

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### ***Sudanese Opposition Leader Arrested***

- A prominent opposition leader and Sudan's last democratically elected Prime Minister has been arrested and is facing the death penalty, shortly after he accused authorities of rape and other abuses of power.
- Sadiq al-Mahdi was ousted in 1989 during a coup led by the current Sudanese President, Omar al-Bashir, and now leads the Umma Party, Sudan's most prominent opposition party.
- Umma party officials have called on the public to protest, and have cancelled plans for a national dialogue between opposition leaders and the government.
- Source: Al Jazeera

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/05/sudan-arrests-mahdi-making-abuse-claims-20145171942591111.html>

### ***US and British officials condemn death sentence of pregnant Sudanese woman***

- Senators in the United States are urging the Sudanese government not to execute the wife of a Sudanese-born US citizen, after she was condemned to death for apostasy.
- Meriam Yeyha Ibrahim, who maintains that she has always been a Christian, was sentenced to death by hanging, following claims that she had renounced Islam in order to become a Christian.
- Senator Kelly Ayotte and Roy Blunt wrote to US Secretary of State John Kerry, urging him to grant Ibrahim political asylum.
- Source: CBS

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/senators-try-to-save-pregnant-woman-sentenced-to-death-in-sudan/>

*“Two security officers came to al-Mahdi’s office at 8:45pm Sudanese time and arrested him without giving any reason”*

*- Mohamed Zaki, personal assistant to Umma Party leader Sadiq al-Mahdi*