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SUDAN | Meriam Ibrahim Detained

Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) has learned that Meriam Ibrahim, the Sudanese Christian woman whose sentences of death for apostasy and 100 lashes for adultery were quashed on June 23, is still being detained by the Sudanese authorities.

Ibrahim, her husband Daniel Wani and their children Martin Wani and Maya Wani were initially detained by the Sudanese National Intelligence Security Service on June 24 at Khartoum Airport and taken to the NISS offices near Khartoum Airport, before being transferred to a police station in Khartoum.

The police have refused to release the family on bail and said 24 hours are required to conclude the investigation. Ibrahim has not been charged; however the police are investigating alleged irregularities with her travel documents.

CSW's Chief Executive Mervyn Thomas said, "We are deeply concerned by the news that Mrs. Ibrahim and her family have been detained less than 24 hours after she was declared innocent and freed from prison. We urge the Sudanese authorities to release this family. Holding them without charge amounts to arbitrary detention and is in violation of article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Sudan is a signatory."