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SUDAN | Meriam Ibrahim, Family Released on Bail

Meriam Ibrahim and her family were released from police custody on bail June 26 at 10 p.m. local time.

Ibrahim and her husband, Daniel Wani, had been held together with their children, Martin and Maya at a police station in Khartoum East since June 24.

The couple was charged with forgery and provision of false information under articles 123 and 97 of the 1991 Criminal Code, due to alleged irregularities with her travel documents. Ibrahim was charged as the primary accused and Wani was charged as an accessory to the alleged offenses. The initial accusations were levelled by the National Intelligence and Security Services which prompted the police investigation.

Ibrahim and her family were released on bail by guarantee. They are required to attend court for the new charges and remain in the country until the new case is concluded.

CSW's Chief Executive Mervyn Thomas said, "We welcome the fact that Mrs. Ibrahim and her family have been released on bail but remain deeply concerned about the weakness of the new charges against her and Mr. Wani. Their extended detention, which occurred despite the provision of credible evidence by relevant officials from the South Sudanese embassy that negates every allegation levelled against them, violates Sudan's criminal procedures as well as article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Sudan is a signatory. We continue to call for these charges to be dropped and urge the Sudanese government to ensure their safety whilst in Sudan."