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Letter of Concern - Mr. Rata and Rev. Taour of Sudan

Dear member of the IPPFoRB Network,

In late February, I wrote to you on behalf of the Steering Committee regarding two Sudanese pastors imprisoned for their faith. Mr. Telahoon Nogosi Kassa Rata and Rev. Hassan Abduraheem Kodi Taour were arrested and held by Sudan's National Intelligence and Security Services for choosing to manifest their religious beliefs.

Today, the Steering Committee is pleased to inform you that Mr. Rata was released from prison on the 10th of May. We have no doubt that the voices and letters of concerned people across the globe, including IPPFoRB members, made a positive impact on Mr. Rata's case.

Unfortunately, Rev. Taour remains in prison and will face criminal charges. As such, please find attached a letter of concern signed by members of the IPPFoRB Steering Committee. As with all of our advocacy efforts, the Steering Committee encourages members of the IPPFoRB network to ensure further attention to this case by sending their own, similar version of the letter to Sudanese authorities.

Sincerely,

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Member, IPPFoRB Steering Committee

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