

CPJ, partners call on the RSF to release Sudanese journalist Muammar Ibrahim

We, the undersigned organizations and journalists, express serious concern regarding the [detention](#) of Sudanese journalist [Muammar Ibrahim](#) by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Mr. Ibrahim has been held since October 26, 2025, following his detention in El-Fasher, North Darfur.

According to available information, RSF detained Mr. Ibrahim while he was attempting to leave El-Fasher amid hostilities. On the day he was detained, a [video](#) circulated on social media showing Mr. Ibrahim in the presence of RSF fighters, in which he identifies himself and confirms he has been detained. A subsequent [video](#), released at a later date, shows him speaking while under questioning and stating that he had been transferred to Nyala, South Darfur. These videos constitute the only publicly available information regarding his whereabouts.

We are particularly concerned by the absence of verified information about Mr. Ibrahim's health, legal status, and conditions of detention. Since his arrest, he has largely been held incommunicado without access to family or legal counsel. Such circumstances raise serious concerns for his safety and well-being.

Journalists are civilians and are entitled to protection under international humanitarian law. Parties exercising control over detainees bear responsibility for ensuring their humane treatment, including safeguarding their physical integrity and providing access to necessary medical care.

In light of these concerns, we urge the RSF to urgently release Mr. Ibrahim and to ensure his safety and physical well-being.

We further urge all parties to the conflict in Sudan to respect the work of journalists and to refrain from actions that endanger journalists and media workers. Safeguarding journalists contributes to transparency, accountability, and the protection of civilians during conflict.

Taking prompt and humane action in this case would help alleviate serious concerns about Mr. Ibrahim's health and would represent an important step toward reducing harm to journalists operating in Sudan.

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4. Al Raheel Newspaper
5. AlTaghyeer Newspaper
6. Aljazeera
7. Alex Crawford, Sky News
8. Andrew Gully, The New Humanitarian
9. ARTICLE 19 Eastern Africa
10. Associação Pro Bono Angola
11. Avaaz
12. Ayin Network
13. Barbara Plett Usher, BBC News
14. Barnaby Mitchell, Sky News
15. Bethany Rielly, New Internationalist
16. Bloggers Association of Kenya
17. Bloggers of Zambia (BloggersZM)
18. CIVICUS
19. Collectif des familles de disparus en Algerie
20. Constance Daire, Africa Intelligence
21. Dar Media Production
22. Darfur 24
23. Darfur Network for Human Rights
24. Declan Walsh, The New York Times
25. Diana Magnay, Sky News
26. Dominique Van Heerden, Sky News
27. Eastern Africa Editors Society (EAES)
28. Egyptian Human Rights Forum (EHRF)
29. Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR)
30. Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media
31. Eiad Husham, Ayin Network
32. Equipe Media
33. Faisal Ali, Al Jazeera English
34. Faisal Elbagir, Sudans Reporters
35. France 24
36. Free UN Coalition for Access / Inner City Press
37. Gulf Centre for Human Rights (GCHR)
38. HAND (Human Rights and Democracy Network)
39. Hiba Morgan, Al Jazeera English
40. Human Rights Foundation
41. HuMENA for Human Rights and Civic Engagement
42. IFEX
43. International Association of People's Lawyers (IAPL)
44. International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), within the framework of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders

45. International Press Association of East Africa
46. International Press Institute
47. James Matthews, Sky News
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49. Jubrakanews Ltd
50. Kenya Human Rights Commission
51. Libya Crimes Watch (LCW)
52. Lindsey Hilsum, Channel 4 News
53. Madania News
54. Mark Stone, Sky News
55. Mashaweer Newspaper
56. Mike Yambo, Nation Media Group
57. MISA Mozambique
58. Moatinoon Newspaper
59. Mohamed Krichen, Aljazeera
60. Mohamed Zakaria, Dar Media Production
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63. Noé Michalon, Africa Intelligence
64. PAEMA
65. PEN America
66. PEN International
67. Reha Kansara, BBC News
68. Reporters Without Borders
69. Samir Kassir Foundation
70. SMEX
71. Somali Journalists Syndicate (SJS)
72. Sophie Alexander, Sky News
73. Stuart Ramsay, Sky News
74. Sudan Facts for Journalism
75. Sudan News Sweep
76. Sudanese Journalists Syndicate
77. The Africa Editors Forum (TAEF)
78. The Darfur Women Journalists Forum
79. The Journalists Sudanese Syndicate
80. The Simon and June Li Center for Global Journalism
81. The Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy (TIMEP)
82. Union Burundaise des Journalistes (UBJ)
83. Union of Journalists in Lebanon
84. Woman and Child Issues Radio
85. World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), within the framework of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders
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