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Submission of information to the Special Procedures

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- Leaflet on Special procedures communications

What are Communications?

Communications are letters sent by the Special Procedures to Governments and others, such as intergovernmental organisations, businesses, military or security companies.
Your submission reference

The following reference is being used to track your submission. Please make a record of this reference. You can stop and come back to complete your submission at any time in the next 24 hours. After this time if your submission is not complete it will be deleted.

You are strongly encouraged to make note of the submission reference given below as it will facilitate further communication regarding your submission.

Reference: d4f5ry46

Verification

For security please provide a password to use when reopening your submission.

Password: *

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To what issues/themes/areas is your submission related?

Please select the primary area of concern (the following are a general categorization of concerns. Therefore, in case of doubt please use the option "Human rights violation"): *

- Human rights violation
- Bill, legislation or policy
- Add information to a previous submission

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Primary area of concern
Please select one of the three options to progress beyond this page; only one option can be selected for each submission.

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Fields marked with an asterisk are mandatory; you have to fill them in, in order to move to the next step.

“Human right violations” address cases of alleged abuses against, or violations of the human rights of an individual or individuals, or a group or a community.

“Bill, legislation or policy” address cases where a draft or existing legislation, a decree or a policy are allegedly contravening human rights norms and standards.
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Issues/themes/areas

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- Executions
- Food
- Foreign debt
- Freedom of opinion and expression
- Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
- Hazardous substances
- Health
- Housing
- Human rights defenders
- Independence of judges and lawyers
- Indigenous peoples
- Internally displaced persons
- International order
- International solidarity
- Leprosy
- Mercenaries
- Migrants
- Minority issues
- Older persons
- Poverty
- Privacy
- Racism
- Religion or belief
- Sale of children
- Sexual orientation and gender identity
- Slavery
- Terrorism
- Torture
- Trafficking in persons
- Truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence
- Unilateral coercive measures
- Violence against women
- Water and sanitation
- Women and girls
- Belarus
- Cambodia
- Central African Republic
- Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
- Eritrea
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Mali
- Myanmar
- Palestinian Territories occupied since 1967
- Somalia
- Sudan
Consent

You must check the box below to indicate you have the consent of the alleged victim to make a submission to Special Procedures.*

- I am/we are the alleged victim(s), and I/we give my/our consent
- I am/we are the representative(s) of the alleged victim(s), and I/we have her/his/their consent
- I am/we are member(s) of the family/ies of the alleged victim(s), and I/we have her/his/their consent

The nature of the allegation is such that consent cannot be obtained, e.g. the victim(s) is/are dead or has/have been subject to an enforced disappearance.

Before giving consent, please note that:

- The identity of alleged victims will be included in communications with Governments and others, such as intergovernmental organisations, businesses, military or security companies. If the alleged victims or their representatives make it clear in the submission that concerns relating to the security of the alleged victims exist, the experts may exceptionally decide to withhold the victims’ names from the communication.
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Who does the incident/situation involve?

- An individual or individuals
- A group/community
- Civil society

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A group/community
Please choose this box if the incident/situation involves an alleged violation of the human rights of the group or the community as such.

Name and/or description of the group/community
In case the group/community does not have a name, please make sure to provide a precise description of the group/community, in particular its common social, economic or political interests; characteristics; location; or any other status that make it a group/community in the context of this submission.
Contact information of the victim

Please indicate the address at which you can be contacted. If this is not your address of residence, please indicate care of (C/O) the person or civil society organisation or association through whom/which you can be contacted.

Communications with governments

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Victim's information - victim is a person

**Personal information**

First name: *

Family name: *

Sex: *
- Male
- Female
- Other

Does the self-identified name/gender/identity differ from the information above?
- Yes
- No

Date of birth:

Date of birth approximate?
- Yes
- No

Victim is a child (under 18 years of age)?
- Yes
- No

Nationality:

Choose country
Other information concerning the victim

Ethnic, religious, social or other background:

Occupation:

Other status:

- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Indigenous
- ☐ Lesbian
- ☐ Older person
- ☐ Refugee / asylum seeker
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ Ethnic minority
- ☐ Internally displaced person
- ☐ Migrant
- ☐ People of African descent
- ☐ Religious minority
- ☐ Gay
- ☐ Intersex
- ☐ National minority
- ☐ Person with disability
- ☐ Stateless
- ☐ Other

Affiliation or activity:

Choose affiliation or activity

Contact information of the victim

Address:

0 / 2000 characters max

Email:

Telephone:
Affiliation or activity:

Choose affiliation or activity
Affiliation in an organization or association
Cultural activity
Humanitarian, solidarity, human rights-related activity
Media-related activity
Other
Participation in a peaceful assembly
Political or union affiliation
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Victim's Information - group/community

**Group/community information**

Name of group/community, civil society or other entity: *

Description of the group/community (including, if relevant, number of members; number of women, men, girls and boys; indicate the group/community leader(s), other facts):

Describe the activities of the group/community, civil society or other entity:
Ethnic, religious, social or other background of the group/community members:

Other status:
- Bisexual
- Indigenous
- Lesbian
- Older person
- Refugee / asylum seeker
- Transgender
- Other

- Ethnic minority
- Internally displaced person
- Migrant
- People of African descent
- Religious minority
- Stateless
- Gay
- Intersex
- National minority
- Person with disability

Affiliation or activity of group/community:
Choose affiliation or activity

Occupation of group/community members:
Affiliation or activity of group/community:

- Affiliation in an organization or association
- Cultural activity
- Humanitarian, solidarity, human rights-related activity
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- Other
- Participation in a peaceful assembly
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Contact information of the group/community

Address:

Email:  
Telephone:

0 / 2000 characters max

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### Victim's information - Civil society organisation or association

#### Civil society organisation or association

Name of the civil society organisation or association: *

Describe the activities of the civil society organisation or association:

List the members of the civil society organisation or association, or its/their representative(s) (if relevant):
Contact information of the civil society organisation or association

Address:

Email: [ ] Telephone:

Other status:

- [ ] Indigenous
- [ ] Gay
- [ ] Person with disability
- [ ] Ethnic minority
- [ ] Transgender
- [ ] Religious minority

- [ ] People of African descent
- [ ] Migrant
- [ ] Refugee / asylum seeker
- [ ] Lesbian
- [ ] Intersex
- [ ] Stateless

- [ ] Internally displaced person
- [ ] Older person
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Bisexual
- [ ] National minority

0 / 2000 characters max
Submitting person(s) / organisation(s)

- An individual
- A group/community

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Type: Human rights violation
  - freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
Victims:
  - Siraju Abdulahi
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Submitting person(s) / organisation(s)
The identity of the person(s) or organisation(s) submitting information to the Special Procedures is kept confidential; it is NOT mentioned in the communication to the Government, and it is NOT published in the Special Procedures Communications Report to the Human Rights Council.
Submitting person

Personal information

First name: *

Family name: *

Does the self-identified name/gender/identity differ from the information above?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Contact information

Your case may not be taken up by the Special Rapporteur, the Independent Expert or the Working Group if they cannot contact you, the victim or the victim’s legal representative.

Address:

0 / 2000 characters max

Email: *

Telephone:
Submitting group/community, civil society or other entity

Name of group/community, civil society or other entity:

Name of group/community, civil society or other entity: *

Describe the activities of the group/community, civil society or other entity:

0 / 2000 characters max

Contact persons of the group/community, civil society or other entity:

0 / 2000 characters max
Contact information of the group/community

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Address:

Email: *

Telephone:
Consent / Disclosure / Confidentiality

Disclosure consent

Does the alleged victim(s) or group/community agree to have their name(s) disclosed in a letter that may be sent to the Government, or others, such as intergovernmental organisations including United Nations entities, businesses, military or security companies? *

- Yes  - No

Please specify:


Does the alleged victim(s) agree to have their name(s) appear in a public report to the Human Rights Council? *

- Yes  - No

Please specify:


Communications with governments

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In case you choose not to consent to have the name(s) of the victim(s) disclosed in a letter that may be sent to the Government or others, such as intergovernmental organisations, businesses, military or security companies, please specify what are your reasons in terms of protection of the victim(s).
Circumstances of the case

Case details

Country where the incident allegedly occurred/is occurring/might occur: *
Choose country

If relevant to your submission, please indicate whether there are additional country/ies
where the incident allegedly occurred/is occurring/might occur, or otherwise related to
the case submitted

☐ Afghanistan
☐ Albania
☐ Algeria
☐ Andorra

District / province / area (could be different locations) where the incident allegedly
occurred/is occurring/might occur (if as relevant):

Please provide a short chronological summary of the incident: what happened; when
(date/time); who was involved?

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Victims:
• Siraju Abdulahi

Submitter: The Advocates for Human
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Providing a description

The questions will guide you in
describing the incident: please be as
precise, accurate, and comprehensive
as possible, and provide information to
the best of your knowledge, in order to
help experts to make a rapid decision
on the submission.

Information submitted can refer to
alleged violations that have already
occurred, that are ongoing or are about
to occur.
• Age
• Belonging to a specific group
• Colour
• Engagement in human rights, trade union, political, religious activities or other types of activities
• Ethnic origin
• Language
• LGBTI
• National origin
• No known reason
• Other status, affiliation or background
• Political or other opinion or beliefs
• Property status
• Race
• Religious background
• Sex
• Social origin
Information on the individual(s)/authority(ies)/organization(s) (perpetrator(s)) allegedly responsible for the incident
Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge.

Alleged perpetrator details

Please specify the number of alleged perpetrators:

Is the identity/occupation of the alleged perpetrator(s) known?
○ Yes ○ No ○ Don't know

Were the alleged perpetrators State agents or believed to be State agents? *
○ Yes ○ No ○ Don't know

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Victims:
- Siraju Abdulahi ○ X
Submitter: The Advocates for Human Rights ○ X

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Perpetrators
State agents are officials at the local or national level; military, police, agents of security services.

Provide details, including if applicable, the unit to which they belong, rank, title and functions; description of the uniform; type of vehicle used; other.

Please indicate whether they were acting in their official capacity.
Is the identity/occupation of the alleged perpetrator(s) known?

- Yes  
- No  
- Don't know

An individual or individuals of perpetrators

A group/community of perpetrators

Please specify:
Perpetrator's information - perpetrator is a person

Personal information

First name: *                   Family name: *

Sex: *
○ Male  ○ Female  ○ Other

Date of birth:

☐ Date of birth approximate?

Nationality:
Choose country

Other information concerning the perpetrator

Ethnic, religious, social or other background:

Occupation:

Other status:
○ Bisexual  ○ Indigenous  ○ Lesbian  ○ Older person  ○ Refugee / asylum seeker
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Affiliation or activity:
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Contact information of the perpetrator

Address:

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Perpetrator's Information - group/community

Group/community information

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Describe the activities of the group/community, civil society or other entity:

Ethnic, religious, social or other background of the group/community members:
Other status:
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Affiliation or activity of group/community:
Choose affiliation or activity

Occupation of group/community members:

Contact information of the group/community

Address:

Email: 

Telephone:
Were the alleged perpetrators State agents or believed to be State agents? *

- [ ] Yes  - [ ] No  - [ ] Don't know

Please specify:
If the alleged perpetrators were State agents, were they acting in their official capacity?

- Yes  
- No  
- Don't know

Please specify:
Were the alleged perpetrators State agents or believed to be State agents? *

- Yes  - No  - Don't know

If an identification as State agents is not possible, why is it not possible and do you believe that Government authorities or persons linked to them are responsible for the incident?
Were the alleged perpetrators State agents or believed to be State agents? *
○ Yes  ○ No  ○ Don't know

Were the alleged perpetrators non-state actors such as private individuals or groups, military or security companies, or business enterprises?
○ Yes  ○ No  ○ Don't know

Are they associated with a state institution?
○ Yes  ○ No  ○ Don't know
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- Yes  
- No  
- Don’t know

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- No  
- Don’t know

Please specify:

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- No  
- Don’t know

Please specify:
Finalise submission

Additional information

Any additional comments and information:

Review submission

Reference: d4f5ry46  Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020
Type: Human rights violation  Original: English
Consent: I am/we are the representative(s) of the alleged victim(s), and I/we have her/his/their consent

Related mandates
- freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

Victims
Name: Siraju Abdulahi  Type: Individual
Sex: Male
Victim is a child (under 18 years of age)? No
Date of birth approximate? 01/01/2000
Nationality: United States of America

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Communications with governments
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Similarly, when the alleged victim(s) or her/his/their representative(s) have demonstrated the existence of protection concerns, the name(s) of the victim(s) will NOT be published.
In what type of activity/ies is the alleged victim (person(s) or organization) engaged?
Participated in a peaceful protest

Perpetrators
Please specify the number of alleged perpetrators: 35
Is the identity/occupation of the alleged perpetrator(s) known? Yes
Were the alleged perpetrators State agents or believed to be State agents? Yes Minneapolis Police Department
If the alleged perpetrators were State agents, were they acting in their official capacity? Yes
Wearing uniform, acting on orders

Name: Officer Violator
Sex: Male
Type: Individual
Perpetrator is a child (0 - 18 years of age)? No
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New submission

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- freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
Victims:
- Siraju Abdulahi [X]
Perpetrators:
- Officer Violator [X]
Submitter: The Advocates for Human Rights [X]

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Existing submission

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Password: *

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- freedom of opinion and expression
- freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
Circumstances of the case

Case details

Country where the incident allegedly occurred/is occurring/might occur: *
United States of America

If relevant to your submission, please indicate whether there are additional country/ies where the incident allegedly occurred/is occurring/might occur, or otherwise related to the case submitted:

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- Andorra

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Reference: d4f5ry46
Type: Human rights violation
  - arbitrary Detention
  - freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
  - torture

Vicrims:
  - Siraju Abdulahi

Perpetrators:
  - Officer Violator
### Information relating to arbitrary Detention

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What are the reasons why you believe the deprivation of liberty is arbitrary?
Are the reasons for the deprivation of liberty authorized by the law?
- Yes  - No
If yes, please elaborate

Are the reasons for the deprivation of liberty linked to the exercise by the victim of her/his human rights or fundamental freedoms?
- Yes  - No
If yes, please elaborate
If applicable, do you know if the right to a fair trial has been respected? (For example: the right to defend yourself and the right to legal assistance; the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law; the right to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal established by law; the right when charged with a criminal offence to be informed of the nature and cause of criminal charges brought against them; etc.)

☐ Yes  ☐ No
If yes please elaborate

In the case of an asylum seeker, migrant or refugee who has been subjected to prolonged administrative detention, was she/he guaranteed the possibility of administrative or judicial review of the detention, or remedy?

☐ Yes  ☐ No
If yes please elaborate
Can you indicate if complaints were made to the administrative or judicial authorities, or remedies sought with respect to this particular case?  

- Yes  - No

Do you know what were their results?

- Yes  - No

If yes please elaborate
Information relating to torture

Please indicate where the person was seized (city, province, etc.) and location at which the torture was carried out, if known.

Indication of the forces carrying out the torture.

Description of the form and methods of torture used and any injury sustained as a result.

Were any person, such as a lawyer, relatives or friends, permitted to see the alleged victim(s) during detention? If so, how long after the arrest?
What was believed to be the purpose of the torture?

Was the alleged victim(s) examined by a doctor at any point during or after victim’s ordeal? If so, when? Was the examination performed by a prison or government doctor?

Was appropriate treatment received for injuries sustained as a result of the torture?

Was the examination performed in a manner which would enable the doctor to detect evidence of injuries sustained as a result of the torture? Were any medical reports or certificates issued? If so, what did the reports reveal?
If the alleged victim(s) died in custody, was an autopsy or forensic examination performed and which were the results?