

**Question for written answer E-000900/2017**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Charles Tannock (ECR)**

Subject: VP/HR - Case of Hassan Abduraheem, Petr Jašek and Abdulmonem Abdumawla

On 29 January 2017, a Sudanese Court found a Czech national, Mr Jašek, guilty of espionage and sentenced him to life imprisonment. The Reverend Abduraheem and Mr Abdumawla were also found guilty of espionage and abatement in conjunction with the same case, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

The charges were brought following their provision of USD 5 000 for the medical treatment of a Darfuri student, Ali Omer, who was severely injured during a student demonstration in 2013. The prosecution alleged that the donation was bogus and was in reality financial support for rebel separatist movements in Sudan.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide has condemned the prosecution, noting that 'the serious charges against these men were wholly unwarranted, and the excessive sentences are unjustified, given the paucity of evidence against them. [...] They were simply driven by compassion to source finance for the medical treatment of a man whose injuries are so severe that he requires ongoing medical care.'

1. Is the Vice President / High Representative aware of this case? If so, will she instruct the EEAS delegation in Khartoum to raise these concerns with the Sudanese authorities?
2. Will the VP/HR take this opportunity to remind the Sudanese authorities of Sudan's EBA status and its commitments and responsibilities under the Cotonou Agreement?