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SDUI Call for a Peaceful Protest

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The Sudanese Doctors' Union in Ireland (SDUI) is calling for all its members; the Sudanese Doctors in Ireland, as well as the public to gather in front of the Irish House of Parliament (Dail) in Dublin on Saturday the 17th of December 2016 between 12:00 and 14:00 to support the national campaign for civil disobedience in Sudan which has been planned to take place on 19/12/2016.

For a long time now the Government of Sudan has abandoned subsidiary support for many basic living needs with consequent serious deterioration in the standard of living in Sudan. More recently, the Government of Sudan has again added new harsher cuts in fuel and essential drugs subsidy programme.

These ill-planned draconian austerity measures have predictably received widespread public renouncement from the Sudanese People who are struggling to meet basic living needs such as food, healthcare and education.

The Government of Sudan, has consistently mismanaged the economy and has persistently misplaced its priorities, privileging its already bloated security apparatus and military sectors at the expense of basic living standards, healthcare and education sectors. The Health services has specially taken a heavy toll from this decline and the Sudanese doctors have been left working under extreme substandard and dangerous conditions rendering them unable to provide the required level of care to the general public.

The Sudanese People are protesting against the unprecedented rise in prices and the complete failure of the Government to meet its obligations towards them. All of the civil services as well as the private sector have announced a movement towards Civil Disobedience in a legitimate and well-deserved aspiration for a long-awaited change that provides them with welfare and a promising future living with dignity as human beings.

SDUI in Ireland, as part of the wide Sudanese diaspora, will not accept this level of decline in all aspects of life in Sudan. It also condemns the oppression of all basic freedoms including the freedom of expression, the lack of free media and the unlawful imprisonment of doctors and political activists.

SDUI also condemns the waging of war by the Government against it's own citizens which has resulted in genocidal mass killings, unprecedented levels of poverty and homelessness and caused the disintegration of the country.

SDUI would like to take this opportunity to inform the Irish people and the international community about what is happening in Sudan. SDUI would also like to emphasize the advantages of living in Ireland where there is freedom of expression, fair media and respect for human rights.

It will be a great chance for all SDUI members to talk and reflect on the current sorry situation in Sudan. It will also be an opportunity for everyone to better understand and show solidarity with the people of Sudan in their righteous endeavor for a better life and a promising future.

SDUI Executive Committee

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