

HE Mohammed Abdalla Ali Eltom

Ambassador
Sudanese Embassy in London
3 Cleveland Row
St. James's
London SW1A 1DD

18 February 2019

Attacks on physicians in Sudan and on Omdurman Hospital

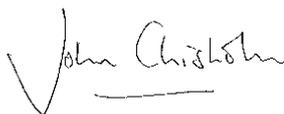
Your Excellency

I am writing to you on behalf of the British Medical Association to express our grave concern about recent reports, substantiated by Amnesty International and the World Medical Association, that the Sudanese Government has used lethal force against protesters, including physicians, and that on 9 January 2019, Sudanese security forces attacked Omdurman Hospital in pursuit of protesters.

The intentional targeting of health professionals, including hospitals and medical facilities, is a clear breach of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and of International Humanitarian Law, as well as accepted international human rights norms. Health professionals provide a necessary service, and it is essential that they are at liberty to provide that service without fear of being targeted.

We urge you to take immediate steps to ensure there are no further attacks on health professionals or medical facilities by Sudanese security forces, and to ensure that the attack on Omdurman Hospital is investigated impartially and the perpetrators are held accountable.

Yours sincerely



Dr John Chisholm CBE
Chair, BMA medical ethics committee



Dr Terry John
Chair, BMA international committee

