



## Statement issued by the Arab Center for the Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI)

### Against the forced arrest of Dr. Amin Madani Makki

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- The Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI) announces its strong condemnation on the arrest of one of its board of trustees' member Dr. Amin Madani Makki by the Sudanese security forces on the seventh of this month. Dr. Makki is a prominent legal personality who strongly believes in peace, and freedom and well-known for his deeds and commitment to human rights.
- ACRLI believes that the arrest of Dr. Makki and his friends is a flagrant violation on the international conventions and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which guarantee the personal and public freedoms; particularly the freedom of opinion and expression, and freedom of association and assembly.  
Moreover, ACRLI declares that this arrest is a violation on the moral, humanitarian and legal values which considered the cornerstone of democracy and rule of law.
- ACRLI calls all the civil society organizations, legal and justice communities, in all the Arab countries, to 1) take the appropriate action against this massive attack through a pledge of solidarity that pass beyond condemnation and denunciation, and to 2) take action towards a legal review before international institutions that deal with human rights.
- ACRLI calls the concerned Arab Unions, particularly the Arab Lawyers Union to stop working for one day in condemnation of the violation of rights and freedoms, in order to urgently release Dr. Makki and his friends while ensuring their physical and psychological safety.
- ACRLI confirms that the rule of law in the states of right protects the private and public freedoms as well as it ensures the full practice of democracy. Whereas, arrests or forced detention are practices of authoritarian regimes that violate the right to liberty and security.
- ACRLI states its strong solidarity with Dr. Makki and his friends and hopes that the Sudanese Authorities will apply the articles of laws as mentioned in the interim Constitution of 2005 and the National Security Act of 2010. Otherwise, this will be considered a flagrant violation on Sudan itself and on the sovereignty of the

Constitution and national laws. Accordingly, ACRLI strongly calls the Sudanese authorities to urgently release Dr. Makki and his friends and to stop such violations in the respect of the fundamental human rights of freedom and dignity.