

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir  
Office of the President  
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Khartoum, Sudan

President al-Bashir,

We are writing to express our strong disapproval of your decision to pardon Mubarak Mustafa for his role in the escape of two prisoners from a Sudanese prison. We condemn this action as an affront to justice that dishonors the memory of a selfless and courageous man who was working to facilitate free elections in your country.

As you know, John Granville was an American diplomat working for the United States Agency for International Development who was facilitating the dissemination of radios and other equipment to ensure that elections in Sudan would allow for broad participation. On January 1, 2008, Mr. Granville and his driver, Abdel Rahman Abbas, were assassinated when they were leaving the British Embassy in Khartoum.

Four men were convicted of the murders but in June 2010 they escaped from a Sudanese prison with the aid of their accomplice, Mubarak Mustafa. Two of the assassins remain at large. Yet in February, you decided to pardon Mr. Mustafa for his role in helping these killers evade justice. This is quite simply unacceptable.

We ask that you immediately repeal the pardon of Mubarak Mustafa. Unless and until this injustice is corrected, it will be impossible for your country to show that it repudiates terrorism and we will have no choice but to oppose efforts to remove the Sudan from the United States' list of State Sponsors of Terrorism, which will perpetuate sanctions and punitive measures.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

  
BRIAN HIGGINS  
Member of Congress

  
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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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