



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Higgins:

Thank you for your letter of February 6 requesting that the Department of State continue its efforts to bring to justice the killers of your constituent, USAID Officer John Granville, and his Sudanese colleague, Abdel Rahman Abbas.

We share your outrage over the murder of Mr. Granville and Mr. Abbas and the decision by Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir in 2013 to pardon Mubarak Mustafa, an accomplice who aided in the escape of the killers. The Department of State and USAID deeply felt this tragic loss and we continue to follow this case.

Since our last written correspondence in February of 2013, the Department designated a third individual, Abdul Rauf Abu Zaid Mohamed Hamza, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist. Hamza, who was recaptured after escaping in 2010, is currently imprisoned at Kobar prison in Sudan. Mohamed Makawi Ibrahim Mohamed and Abdelbasit Alhaj Alhasan remain on the designated terrorist list and are still believed to be somewhere in Somalia. Another accomplice, Mohamed Osman Yousif, was reportedly killed in 2011.

The Granville murder reward offer is still in effect, offering up to \$5 million for information that brings either of the two perpetrators who remain at large to justice. The Department will continue to use this valuable tool to generate information leading to the arrest or conviction of any individual who committed, conspired or attempted to commit, or aided or abetted in the commission of Mr. Granville's murder, or for information leading to the favorable resolution of that crime.

We continue to monitor developments in this case and our Embassy in Khartoum will continue to press for Mubarak Mustafa's arrest and return to prison to complete his full sentence. Should there be any new or major developments in the case, we can provide you a personal brief on those details.

The Honorable
Brian Higgins,
House of Representatives.

We hope you find this information helpful in addressing your concerns. Please feel free to contact us on this or any matter of interest to you or your constituents. Please know that the good work and personal dedication of John Granville and Abdel Rahman Abbas will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Frifield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

Julia Frifield
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