



**UPDATE ON**  
**SUDAN GOVERNMENT INTERVENES IN CHRISTIANS' WORSHIP**  
**(TRIAL OF FIVE CHRISTIAN LEADERS)**

The scheduled court session of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 was adjourned to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017. In the two court sessions, the complainant was absent while all defendants were present. The judge handed over the case to the Attorney General according to his (Attorney's) request.

**Detailed summary of court proceedings**

15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, was the scheduled day for court session but for the second time, the complainant did not turn up (was absent) while the other parties were present. The judge adjourned court to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 again the complainant was not present in court.

During the court session of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017, a legal consultant/ Mohamed Ezzeldin Mohamed representing the Attorney General appeared with a written letter requesting the judge to hand over the case file. The judge obliged with the order basing on article (58/1) of the criminal procedure law 1991. The Attorney General's letter justified the request due to petition/ plea that has been submitted to him by the defendants. However, the defendants' lawyer objected that; neither defendants nor their lawyers submitted any kind of petition. The lawyer requested the judge/justice to confirm his argument by inquiring with the defendants who were present in court. The judge ignored his request and approved Attorney General's request.

**Notes:**

The Article that Attorney General relied on to make the request is Article (58/1) of the procedure law 1991 which says:

Article: 58 (1) The Minister of Justice, is permitted at any time, after completion of inquiry and before passing the preliminary judgment in the criminal suit to take a justified decision and his signature to stop any criminal suit against any accused; and his decision shall be final and shall not be contested. The court shall thereupon stay the proceeding and pass the necessary orders for terminating the criminal suit.

**END**

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