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Mubarak Bala

Dear Attorney General,

The Kaduna based human rights activist **Mubarak Bala**, has been held in custody since his arrest on April 2020.

He was arrested by a team of policemen and charged with blasphemy in connection to his posts on Facebook. He was transferred to police custody in Kano, where he continues to be held without contact to his lawyers and family. The authorities have continued to ignore the order for his release granted by the Federal High court on 21 December 2020.

Despite suffering from hypertension, he has been denied medical attention. His lawyers were finally granted access to visit him for the first and last time to date, in December 2020.

I urge you to drop all charges against Mubarak Bala and to order his immediate and unconditional release. Pending his release, I ask you to ensure that he is granted immediate, regular and unfettered access to his family, lawyers and doctors.

Yours sincerely,