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Honorable Attorney General

On April 28, 2020, Mubarak Bala, a prominent humanist, was arrested by

police at his home in Kaduna around northwest Nigeria under the

reproach on charges of blasphemy.

He had written a post on Facebook, in which he spoke about his

expressed beliefs. His laptop and cell phone were confiscated.

He was taken to Gbabasawa Police Station in Kaduna. On April 30, he was transferred to Kano State, where he remains today.

He was denied access to his family and lawyers. He also received no medical care, although he suffers from high blood pressure. On June 17, a visit permit was requested by court order, which has only been implemented once

so far, in December 2020.

There I urge you, honorable Attorney General,to drop all charges against Mubarak Bala, because he did nothing illegal, but simply expressed his opinion.

I also urge you, to release him immediately and unconditionally and to give him unhindered access to his family, legal counsel and medical care.

Yours sincerely