

# Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada

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Your Excellency:

## **Re: Detention and Disappearance of Dong Samuel Luak and Aggrey Idri**

Lawyers Rights Watch Canada (LRWC) is a committee of lawyers, students and academics who campaign internationally for advocacy rights, advocates in danger, and on rule of law issues. We also engage in legal research and education about international human rights law. I am a lawyer and a partner of a law firm in Canada, Cohen Highley LLP, and I am writing to you to ask that you intervene with respect to proceedings involving the above named individuals.

On June 1, 2017 we wrote to you about Dong Samuel Luak who went missing in January of 2017. Mr. Aggrey Idri also went missing on or about January 24, 2017. Both men were taken to a facility at the National Security Service (NSS) in Juba, South Sudan on January 25, 2017. The whereabouts of both men and their fate remain unknown a year later.

Consistent with our previous correspondence, we urge the authorities of South Sudan to do the following:

1. immediately disclose the fate and whereabouts of Dong Samuel Luak and Aggrey Idri;
2. make public the reasons for their continued detention if they are in custody and, unless a legal basis for continued detention can be demonstrated, release them without delay;

3. ensure that Dong Samuel Luak and Aggrey Idri are not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment while in detention;
4. grant Dong Samuel Luak and Aggrey Idri access to adequate medical care, access to lawyers of their own choosing, and allow visits from their family members; and,
5. conduct a thorough, impartial and effective investigation into the enforced disappearances of Dong Samuel Luak and Aggrey Idri and ensure those responsible are held to account.

We demand that the whereabouts of Dong Samuel Luak and Aggrey Idri be revealed and that they be released immediately.

Yours Very Truly,



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