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## **FAIR Appalled Over British Teacher's Arrest in Sudan**

**FAIR is appalled that a British teacher has been arrested for allowing her pupils to name a teddy bear 'Mohammed' and could be tried under Sudanese blasphemy laws for slandering the Prophet Mohammed.**

**It is absurd, if not ridiculous, for Sudanese authorities to suggest that Islam and its Prophet have been insulted, or that Shariah Law has been contravened, in any intelligible way.**

**FAIR believes the incident has been blown out of all proportion and calls on the Sudanese government to release the teacher and exercise calm and reasoned judgement on all sides.**

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