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FAIR Strongly Condemns Sentencing of British School Teacher in Sudan

FAIR strongly condemns the decision of the Sudanese authorities to sentence a British school teacher to 15 days in prison for naming a teddy bear "Mohammad" despite worldwide appeals from Muslims to show clemency. This is an outrageous conclusion to a farcical affair, which has little to do with Islam and everything to do with politics.

In fact the only real insult that has taken place is to the intelligence of Islam's one billion followers and the great magnanimity and ideals of its Prophet.

Once again, we strongly urge that the sentence be revoked and the teacher released immediately.

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