



## Human Rights Alert

### Death of 17 Years old Sudanese Refugee in Egyptian Police Custody

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**Figure 1** Al-Nazeir

Justice Africa Sudan (JAS) expresses concern over the death of Sudanese refugee Al-Nazeir Al-Sadiq Ali Mohamed Bashir while in Egyptian police custody.

#### **Incident Summary**

Al-Nazeir, a registered Sudanese refugee holding a valid UNHCR protection card, was arrested by Egyptian police on 18 January 2026 in front of his residence in Cairo. He was detained at the Badr Police Detention Centre, where he remained in harsh, degrading conditions that failed to meet minimum legal and humanitarian standards.

Al-Nazeir had a chronic illness and required regular medication; however, he was denied access to his prescribed medicine. On 11 February 2026, he died inside the detention facility under circumstances that raise serious concerns of abuse, neglect, or ill-treatment.

- Arbitrary arrest of a recognized refugee in violation of Egypt's obligations under the 1951 Refugee Convention.
- Failure to provide adequate medical care and humane detention conditions, particularly for a child.
- Lack of transparency regarding the cause of death and continued withholding of the body.

- Potential violations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention Against Torture (CAT).

**JAS Calls for: -**

1. **An independent, transparent investigation into the arrest, detention conditions, and death of Al-Nazeir.**
2. **Accountability for all responsible officials, including criminal liability where warranted.**
3. **Immediate release of the body to the family with full respect for their rights and dignity.**
4. **Urgent intervention by UNHCR to ensure protection of Sudanese refugees in Egypt and prevent further abuses.**
5. **Monitoring access for human rights organizations to detention facilities holding refugees and asylum seekers.**

**Risk of Further Harm**

This case reflects a broader pattern of arbitrary detention, violence, and discrimination against Sudanese refugees in Egypt. Without urgent action, other refugees—especially children—remain at serious risk of abuse and unlawful detention.

JAS urges international organisations, human rights mechanisms, and refugees-protection bodies to respond swiftly.

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