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Release Alain Didah Kemba and Investigate Allegations of Torture

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to immediately and unconditionally release **Alain Didah Kemba**, to ensure that pending his release **Alain** is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment and has regular access to his family and lawyer, to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into allegations that **Alain** was subjected to torture, and to ensure that human rights activists can do their work without fear of reprisal or intimidation.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of the unjustified detention and torture of **Alain** by the police in order to intimidate him from engaging in his activist work.

We strongly believe that you and the government of Chad have a responsibility under international law to investigate these reports, including the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights articles 7, 9, and 19* – the freedom from torture, liberty and security of person, and freedom of expression. If your investigation finds these reports to be true, then we would urge you to immediately release **Alain**, conduct an investigation, and hold all accountable officials responsible for their illegal and unethical actions.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Public Prosecutor Mahamat Saleh Youssouf, Minister of Public Security Ahmat Mahamat Bachir, Ambassador Mahamat Ali Adoum



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