

# UNITED STATES

## Awad: Help her resettle in safety

The face of women human rights defender Awad is obscured for her safety. She is from Sudan and she wants to settle in the United States (US). But she is trapped in Cairo, Egypt. If she is deported to Sudan, she could face threats against her life, persecution, and other dangers.

Awad founded the Sudanese Women Human Rights Project to defend and promote human rights in Sudan, a very courageous thing to do in a country where persistent gender discrimination in law and practice limits women's ability to participate in public life, and puts women human rights defenders at great risk of experiencing threats and violence.

After authorities arrested Awad for her human rights work and then released her, she fled to Egypt in February 2012. There, she has continued her work to protect other Sudanese women human rights defenders — despite harassment from Sudanese officials in Cairo, and despite threats from Egyptian authorities to deport her for her human rights advocacy.

Awad registered as a refugee with UN High Commission for Refugees in Cairo in 2013. Her application for resettlement to the US began that same year. Five years later, US officials are still processing her case.

Awad is one of many people facing danger or persecution whose only chance at long-term safety is resettlement to a safe third country. Yet the Trump administration's policies of targeting refugees, particularly Muslim refugees, jeopardize the safety and security of refugees like Awad.

Many peaceful women's rights activists in Sudan face daily intimidation just for trying to defend human rights.

**Tell the US: Allow Awad to resettle to safety now!**



*Everyone has the right to  
security of person.  
Everyone has the right to  
seek and enjoy in other  
countries asylum from  
persecution.*

*Articles 3 and 14,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights*

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

Please write to the Chargé d’Affaires at the American embassy.

- ◆ Start with Dear Mr Goldberger.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the imminent risk Awad faces to her safety.
- ◆ Ask him to protect her by facilitating her resettlement in the US as soon as possible.

### Send your letter to

Mr. Thomas H. Goldberger  
Chargé d’Affaires, U.S. Embassy  
5 Tawfik Diab Street  
Garden City, Cairo  
Egypt

Twitter: @USEmbassyCairo  
Email: [consularcairo@state.gov](mailto:consularcairo@state.gov)  
Postage: \$2.50

*Human rights defenders like Awad are at risk around the world. Join Amnesty’s efforts to protect the rights of those who defend our rights.*

[www.amnesty.ca](http://www.amnesty.ca)  
#Write4Rights #womensrights #WHRD  
#W4R2018



### Support Awad!

Tell Awad you are actively calling for her to be resettled in the US. Write some words of encouragement. You may send any kind of message, you may include your return address and you may mention Amnesty International.

Using \$1.20 postage, mail your message to

Awad  
c/o Amnesty International USA  
Write for Rights  
5 Penn Plaza, 16th floor  
New York, NY 10001  
USA

*Women human rights defenders around the world often face a heightened risk of discrimination and violence because of their gender and because of the social change for which they advocate. These risks are compounded for women experiencing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination (i.e. women of colour).*

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