

Biram Dah Abeid (m)

Adoption Status: Not Adopted

Country: Mauritania

Occupation: Anti-slavery activist and politician from Mauritania. Also the founder of the Initiative for the Resurgence of the Abolitionist Movement (IRA-Mauritania), and was the recipient of the UN Human Rights' Prize in December 2013 for his work on behalf of enslaved Mauritians.



Detained Since: November 11, 2014

Charges: Membership in an unrecognized organization and taking part in an unauthorized assembly.

Sentence: 6-years prison sentence in Iran's notorious Evin prison.

Additional: On November 11, 2014 Abeid and 16 fellow activists were arrested while taking part in protests against ongoing impunity for slave holders in the country. He was charged with membership in an unrecognized organization and taking part in an unauthorized assembly, and subsequently held without bail amid allegations of collusion between the executive and judicial branches of the Mauritanian government. Despite international calls for his release, Abeid and two of his colleagues were each sentenced to two years in prison on January 15, 2015.

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