

Statement by the Northern Sudan INGO Forum Steering Committee, 25 August 2010

100 DAYS OF CAPTIVITY

Today marks the 100th day of captivity for the Samaritan's Purse humanitarian worker kidnapped in Darfur. We remain seriously concerned for her safety, and for the safety of other humanitarian workers in the Darfur region. In recent months, incidents of abduction, violence and theft have undermined the ability of humanitarian agencies to provide services to the people of Darfur. We ask the Government of Sudan to continue to work hard for her release and to provide a safe environment for humanitarian workers and for all civilians in Darfur; an environment in which Sudanese and international humanitarian workers can work alongside their host, the people of Darfur, to meet needs, provide services and strengthen opportunities for the future without fear for their own safety and security.

100 days of captivity is 100 days too many.

The Northern Sudan INGO Forum Steering Committee will host a Fatur today, 25 August 2010, where selected invitees will be asked to join us as we break the fast together and unite behind a prayer for safety and protection of our colleague and her immediate release.