

# Did President Trump Defer the Decision on Sudan Sanctions to October 31, 2017?

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**President Omar Hassan al-Bashir of Sudan**

This evening a number of us received an email from Ken Isaacs of Samaritans Purse this evening containing what appears to be a press statement from the Executive Office of the President Trump indicating that the decision on possible permanently lifting the 20 year sanctions against the Sudan regime of President Omar Hassan al-Bashir may have been deferred from July 11, 2017 to October 31, 2017.

Isaacs sent an email "confirming that this press release came from the White House regarding the President's executive order on the sanctions on Sudan."

On June 30, 2017, the House Foreign Affairs Committee sent a bi-partisan letter to President Trump recommending that he

defer any decision on the Sudan sanctions for at least a year to permit the appointment of a new Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan and assembly a team to conduct investigations into the situation and Sudan alleged compliance with the five tracks enumerated in the Executive Order No. [Executive Order No. 13761](#).

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