

To: Major General Aidaros Alzubidi  
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Dear Major General Aidaros Alzubidi,

I am deeply concerned that Southern Transitional Council (STC) de facto authorities have subjected journalist Ahmad Maher to torture and have severely violated his fair trial rights. He has been on hunger strike since 17 January 2024 to demand a fair trial.

Maher was subjected to beatings, water boarding, electric shocks, and mock executions. He was also threatened with harm to his wife and baby girl, to force him to "confess" to involvement in an attack on Dar Sa'ad police station in March 2022.

Authorities have denied Ahmad Maher access to medical care, including for injuries sustained as a result of torture.

I urge you to drop all charges against Ahmad Maher and release him unless he is tried for internationally recognizable offences in a fair trial. I also urge you to ensure that he is protected from further torture and that he is given access to adequate medical care and regular access to his lawyer and family.

Yours sincerely,