



# EBCOG

## European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology



### An Urgent Statement on behalf of the European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

The European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (EBCOG) is the voice of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists from 36 countries in Europe. Our aim is to care for, protect and promote the health of women and their babies in Europe.

We are a member of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS). Our sister organisations in the world are FIGO, WHO, ACOG and UNFPA. We are, together, a community of specialist doctors who care about the health and wellbeing of women and their families across the world, irrespective of who or where they are.

EBCOG is extremely concerned about the case of Dr Meriam Yehya Ibrahim, a Sudanese married, pregnant mother and doctor sentenced to be flogged and hanged in Sudan. Apparently her alleged crime is that whilst she was raised a Christian and married a Christian, she has a Muslim father. It also appears that Meriam Yehya Ibrahim will be flogged for adultery for her marriage to a non-Muslim.

As doctors and gynaecologists/obstetricians, we are committed to the equitable care and wellbeing of women, irrespective of national boundaries or religion. This case is not only a gross violation of the rights of Dr Ibrahim, her family and her unborn child; it is a gross violation of human rights.

EBCOG is not advocating the rights of any one religion above another - we are simply advocating equal rights for all human beings, irrespective of race, religion or gender. We believe this case should be approached with the compassion that is in accordance with the values of all civilised people and we feel it is of utmost importance that Dr Ibrahim be freed and spared this most appalling sentence.

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