

## The Elders call for PM's release after reported coup in Sudan

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The Elders today expressed their deep concern at the reported coup in Sudan and called for the immediate release of Prime Minister Abdullah Hamdok and other government officials by the Sudanese security forces.

After weeks of demonstrations and counter-demonstrations by supporters and opponents of the transitional government, The Elders urged all parties to exercise restraint, respect the rule of law and return to dialogue in the framework of Sudan's constitutional order.

[Mary Robinson](#), Chair of the Elders and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, said:

*"Today's reports are a worrying blow to the progress Sudan has made in recent years in its transition from military dictatorship to a more accountable and representative form of government. Prime Minister Hamdok and other detained leaders must be immediately released; only through dialogue will Sudan's diverse political stakeholders resolve their differences and bring stability and justice to the Sudanese people."*

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[Martti Ahtisaari](#), [Ela Bhatt](#), [Lakhdar Brahimi](#), [Fernando Henrique Cardoso](#), [Jimmy Carter](#) and [Desmond Tutu](#) are Elders Emeritus.

[Kofi Annan](#) (1938-2018) was a founding member of The Elders and served as Chair from 2013 to 2018.

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