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After much prayer and international pressure Bishop Bullen Dolli and Dr. Peter Hammond have been freed by the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA). They had been detained in Yei, the headquarters of the SPLA in Western Equatoria.

Intensive investigation by the SPLA Public Security Office and Military Intelligence revealed an intricate plot to discredit and to murder Bishop Bullen Dolli and Rev. Peter Hammond.

The drama began last year when short wave radios were brought into Southern Sudan by Frontline Fellowship and handed over as gifts to the Episcopal Church of Sudan. In December 2001 orders went out to confiscate the radios and arrest those involved with them. Two church radio operators Joseph and Dominic were whipped with over 75 lashes each for resisting handing over the radios to SPLA soldiers.



Peter Hammond and Tim Keller with a poster printed by the Argus (a Western Cape Newspaper) after the

When Frontline missionary Timothy Keller refused to hand over the mission's radio he was arrested and

It was later revealed that the SPLA had received information from sources within the Khartoum government

It is now thought that this was a disinformation campaign orchestrated by the Sudan Government to cau

Bishop Bullen Dolli is well known for his strong public stand against the National Islamic Front (NIF) Gov

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After thorough investigations, the security services of the SPLA concluded that the Bishop and missionary were innocent of the charges and concluded that they were victims of an elaborate disinformation campaign, which included some foreigners in New Sudan. The leadership of the SPLA issued orders that Bishop Bullen Dolli and Dr. Peter Hammond were cleared of all charges and were free to travel anywhere in the New Sudan. SPLA commanders were also instructed to provide them with every protection.

On Thursday 11th of April, they were released and Bishop Bullen Dolli immediately began a synod for the Diocese of Lui. Peter Hammond returned to Cape Town in time for the 20th Anniversary celebrations of Frontline Fellowship and to launch a new film on Sudan – "Terrorism and Persecution."

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