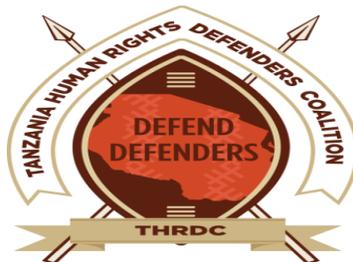


TANZANIA HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS COALITION (THRDC)



NEWS UPDATE ON ABDUL NONDO'S CASE

Today on 4th April 2018, the High Court of Dar es Salaam has proceeded with the hearing of the case of Abdul Nondo; Student and Chairman of the Tanzania Student Network Programme (TSNP).

The Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) in collaboration with Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) and TSNP previously submitted an application to the High Court of Tanzania at Dar es Salaam against the Director of Criminal Investigation (DCI), the Inspector General of Police (IGP) and the Attorney General, requesting the Court to order these authorities to grant bail to Mr. Nondo, bring him to court for hearing or to release him unconditionally. The Criminal Application No. 49 of 2018 has been heard today on 4th April 2018, before Judge Reheema Sameji.

In this case, the Court sought to dismiss the applicant's prayers due to the fact that the case is also being determined at the Iringa District Court, and therefore the High Court has no jurisdiction to proceed with the case. However, Adv. Mpoki, on behalf of the applicants urged the court to proceed with the decision on the application while explaining the importance of the Court's decision on the application. After hearing prayers of the advocate representing the Applicants, the Court ordered the parties to appear in court on 11/04/2018 for hearing and subsequently the Court will issue its decision.

At another stage, Abdul Nondo has also been summoned by the Dar es Salaam Immigration Office at the Ministry of Home Affairs and has been questioned about his citizenship. He has been interviewed for two hours by immigration officers and filled in a form of information about his citizenship. Additionally, he has also been required to submit his grandparents' birth certificates as well on 20th April 2018. Immigration officers have claimed that, they have done so in accordance with the Citizenship Act that gives them power to question any individual if at all they are suspicious of his citizenship and identity. However, the interrogation was peaceful and under the supervision of THRDC's and TSNP's lawyers, and Mr. Nondo has promised to submit the required information by 20th April 2018.

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