

Sudanese Mom: Giving Birth in Shackles May Have Disabled My Child

Meriam Ibrahim, the Christian Sudanese mother who was forced to give birth with her legs chained in prison, says that her baby daughter is disabled as a result.

"Something has happened to the baby," she said, according to *The Telegraph*.

Ibrahim said she doesn't know the extent of the harm her daughter Maya may have suffered, and would probably only know as she grows older.

"I don't know in the future whether she'll need support to walk or not," Ibrahim said.

The Christian mom, who was imprisoned in Sudan for her faith, was freed last week after her conviction of "apostasy" was overturned. But she remains holed up with her family at the U.S. Embassy, unable to leave the country.

She could also face new charges, among them that her travel documents to come to the United States with her American husband and her children included false information about her religion.

However, the U.S. Embassy and the South Sudan Embassy cleared the papers, she said.

"How can my paperwork be wrong? My paperwork came from the Embassy," she said, according to *The Telegraph*. "It's 100 percent correct and it was approved by the South Sudan ambassador and the American ambassador."

The 27-year-old mother of two had been sentenced to death for

marrying a Christian and “abandoning” the Muslim faith of her father. She contends that she never was a Muslim and always embraced the Christian faith that her mother taught her.

Her husband, Daniel Wani, has joint American-South Sudanese citizenship and has been working to secure her travel papers since she was imprisoned.