

CIVILIAN ARREST AND SUSPECTED TO BE UNDER TORTURE BY MI IN AL-ABBASIYA, SUDAN

On 11th April 2017, Military Intelligence (MI) in Al-Abbasiya arrested Mr. Alsamani Osman Mahmoud for purportedly being affiliated to SPLA-N. Since then, he had been kept in isolation which created fear that he could be subjected to torture and ill-treatment.

Mr. Alsamani Osman Mahmoud, 50 years old is married and a father for four children, former teacher and a trader.

On 11th April 2017, while Alsamani was at the weekly market of Souq Aljabal in Al-Abbasiya locality where he partly sales his goods, he was arrested by MI officers and taken to Abbasiya military base where he was detained.

HUDO got reliable information that, Mr. Alsamani is under pressure to admit in matters he never committed and they accused him of associating with SPLA-N that he is in contact with some of their officers.

Recommendations/ Appeals

- HUDO calls on Sudan government;
- To stop MI from arresting civilians and bring to an end the status of emergency in the conflict states.
- To unconditionally release Mr. Alsamani Osman without delay or to file a recognized case against him in the courts of law.
- To respect rights of civilians in conflict areas.

More information

Since the war erupted in South Kordufan by 2011, many of civilians were arrested by MI and some were tried before military court when the Military Act was amended in 2013 for that purpose. Those violations were mostly conducted at Al-Abbasiya locality. Some of the cases are:

- On 25th November 2013 Saeed Ahmed Al Awad was arrested in Chamchaka of Al-Abbasiya and tried him before a military court with other nine civilians.
- On 23rd June 2014, two brothers were arrested by MI in Hagar-Jawad of Dilling and deported to Dilling MI custody.
- On 2nd September 2016, four people among them two ladies were arrested by MI in Almaash village of Dilling locality.