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PRESS STATEMENT

ASSASSINATION OF COMMUNITY LEADER IN UM-BRAMBETA OF SUDAN

On 4th October 2018, a community leader was shot dead by suspected military intelligence (MI) members in Umbrambeta town of South Kordufan/ Sudan. The reason is not known yet.

On the evening of 4th October 2018 soon after sunset, Mr. Khamis Badawi Deidan together with his nine years old son went to the market of Umbrambeta from his house at Alhdaba Suburb of the same town. They used a route that passes by military intelligence sub-office while on their way. At 09:00 PM after buying the commodities and attending the night prayers in the market mosque, they came back using the same way. After they had passed the MI office by about fifty metres, Mr. Khamis was shot dead from the back. A case was filed the second day at Umbrambeta police against anonymous.

Umbrambeta is a town in South Kordufan in Abu-Kershola locality and at a distance of around 60 KM South Abu-Kershola town. Mr. Khamis Badawi Deidan, 61 years old, was a community leader/ Omda of Lira tribe from Nuba ethnic. Previously he was arrested in July 2011 immediately after the war erupted in South Kordufan under accusation of affiliation to SPLM –N, later on 2015 he was forced by the military to accompany the troop that had attacked Al-Azraq as the area guide. Mr. Khamis house is in a distance of 600 metres from the market and the MI sub-office is in between at the water source where they have occupied its building.

Eye witnesses informed HUDO that, gun shot was heard from the direction of the MI sub-office. There are no armed people in this town except the military, police and people defense forces militia (PDF). On top of that no one from MI office bothered to come while many people gathered after shooting.

HUDO is very concerned about the safeguard of civilian in SK and calls upon;

- Sudan government should conduct an investigation around this incident and to hold account whoever responsible of the death of Omda/ Khamis badawi.
- Sudan government should safeguard civilians' rights of security and life.

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