



PRESS STATEMENT

(For immediate release)

ARREST OF ISMAIL BY MI IN DILLING, SUDAN

On 21st September 2019, the military intelligence (MI) in Dilling South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains arrested Mr. Ismail Baleeya, 35 years old. They took him to MI office at Dilling military headquarters and later released him the same day evening. They detained him for seven hours and they physically and psychologically tortured (beating and insulting) him. The arrest of Mr. Ismail was due to a personal dispute between him and a military soldier at a commercial bakery.

Since the former president al-Bashir was toppled in April 2018, the current transitional government has not addressed the human rights situation in the conflict areas.

HUDO is very concerned about the situation of civilians in conflict areas and calls upon;

- Sudan government to hold to account those soldiers responsible for Mr. Ismail's arrest and torture.
- Sudan government to end the state of emergency in conflict areas which enables Sudan armed forces and its militias to carry out arrests at will.
- Sudan government to stop any kind of discriminative acts towards the violations against citizens from conflict areas committed by security forces and militias.
- Sudan government to respect its international obligations towards their citizens.

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