



URGENT ACTION

DETAINEES FROM SOUTH KORDUFAN, SUDAN HAVE BEEN IN CUSTODY FOR MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS

More than twenty five (25) detainees have been deliberately left in custody since June 2011 regardless of the recent declared release pardon-orders. They have been kept incommunicado to-date by Military Intelligence (MI) authority.

Some of the detainees are; Musa Aabdein Ali, he was 38 years of age when he disappeared, Ibrahim Kano was 43 years, Musa Shantu, was 45 years, Edriss Elmaren was 32 years, Omer Fadul was 49 years old, Malek Abduelgadir was 35 years and Mahjoub Abuselaib was 37 years old. Most of them were government employees.

On 7th June 2011 in Kadogli, Sudan soon after the war erupted, the detainees were arrested by MI in Kadogli while the security agencies and those in authority denied having arrested them. Their whereabouts was not known for a long period. In March 2016, HUDO got to know that they were detained at MI custody in Kadogli. Immediately after HUDO had reported about them, they were transferred to Khartoum where some were seen at Omdurman military hospital in a very bad health state/condition. According to HUDO's contacts, one of them (detainees) had his right leg amputated, another one his eyes were punctured and all of them were half-naked.

Since the ouster of the former president in 11th April 2019, the Transitional Military Council (TMC) has repeatedly declared release pardons for the detainees and the prisoners of war whereby the prisoners of war and many other detainees had enjoyed the freedom that came with pardons. However, the detainees reported about here have not been released. HUDO confirmed that, they are held at MI custody.

HUDO is very concerned about the situation of these detainees and calls upon;

- Sudan government to immediately release them without any condition
- Sudan government to hold to account those who intended to keep them under detention without any legal ground.
- Sudan government to legally compensate them or pay damages.
- Sudan government to disclose the whereabouts of any other detainees or forcibly disappeared.



More information

Immediately after the war broke out in South Kordufan/ Nuba Mountains by June 2011, MI and NISS launched a raid campaign in which hundreds of people were executed extra-judicially, others were forced disappeared and thousands were arrested and held in very bad detention conditions. They were denied any family or lawyers visits and whoever asked had to experience arrests and bad treatment.

Since the former president was overthrown in April 2019 by a peaceful civil revolution (Freedom, Peace and Justice), it has been replaced by TMC which announced a number of release pardon-orders:

- On 11th April 2019, the former head of TMC, lieutenant general/ Awad Ibn Auf announced a release pardon for all detainees.
- On 13th April 2019, the head of TMC, lieutenant general/ Abdel Fattah al-Burhan announced their commitment towards international treaties of human rights.
- On 3rd July 2019, the head of TMC, lieutenant general/ Abdel Fattah al-Burhan announced a release pardon for all prisoners of war, in which by 4th July 2019, two hundred and thirty five (235) prisoners of war from Darfur armed groups were released.

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