



PRESS STATEMENT

PDF SHOT/KILLED A CIVILIAN AND INJURED ANOTHER ONE IN ABU-KERSHOLA, SUDAN

On 21st November 2019, Mr. Mohammed Eissa was shot dead and Mr. Mohammed Osman was injured by six armed PDF soldiers in Abu-Kershola for unknown reason. The case was reported at Abu-Kershola police office against anonymous but, no further investigations have been carried out yet.

Mr. Mohammed Eissa was 36 years old and Mr. Mohammed Osman is 29 years old, both are farmers. Abu-Kershola is a capital of Abu-Kershola locality in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains. Um-Alkerring is a village in a distance of 7 km northwest Abu-Kershola. People Defense Force (PDF) is a government militia. This militia in Nuba Mountains is mostly composed of nomads of Arab tribes.

On 21st November 2019 both Mr. Eissa and Mr. Osman were coming from their farms in Um-Alkerring to Abu-Kershola using a motorbike (tuktuk), six armed men dressed in PDF uniform blocked their way and forced them to stop. The (PDF) asked them whether they were coming from Um-Alkerring of which they replied with affirmation /yes. Immediately the PDF soldiers shot at them and as a result Mr. Eissa died instantly but Mr. Osman survived with injuries. Mr. Osman was taken to Elobeid hospital (more than 100 km away from Abu-Kershola) for treatment and the case was reported at Abu-Kershola police office against anonymous but no further investigations have been conducted.

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

- Sudan government at state and central level to urgently investigate the case and bring the perpetrators to the courts of law.
- Sudan government to ensure the safety of people in conflict areas
- Sudan government to dissolves the PDF and disarm them.

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