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PRESS STATEMENT

RESIDENTS FRIGHTENED BY GUN FIRE CAUSED BY MILITIA'S ATTACK IN KADOGLI, SUDAN

On 25th May 2021, a group of unidentified armed people attacked three security points in Kadogli. The security personnel retaliated which led to the death of one security personnel. Residents especially children were frightened the whole night.

On 25th May 2021 around 01:30 AM (Sudan time), residents of Kadogli town woke up to the sound of heavy gun fire exchange. This lasted for about thirty (30) minutes and the gun shots were from different locations/ directions. The residents of this town remained awake and frightened till morning.

The exchange of gun shots (bullets) started when unknown militias attacked and shot at three security check points (Kadogli cinema, Daraga ELrabaa and Hajar Elmac bridge check points). This forced the security personnel to retaliate and as a result, one policeman died.

An activist from Kadogli informed HUDO Centre that; *"During the holy month of Ramadan the town was relatively calm. But, now (after Ramadan is over) the situation is likely to get out of hand since disarmament of militias is not among the measures put in place by government to secure the town"*.

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

- Sudan government to address properly the state of insecurity in South Kordufan/ Nuba Mountains.
- Sudan government to ensure that the safety of civilians in conflict areas is guaranteed
- Sudan government to dissolve government militias and disarm people with unlicensed firearms.

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