



UPDATE (2) ON ARREST OF CIVILIANS BY MILITARY IN TALODI, SUDAN

On 23rd February 2021, Mr. Taj-Elsir Abdalla Mesaibeil and Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Abu-Jarra were released by SAF/ MI in Talodi. But, their motorbike which was confiscated was not handed over. They had been held incommunicado and inhumanly treated/ tortured while in detention.

On 23rd February 2021, Mr. Taj-Elsir Abdalla Mesaibeil and Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Abu-Jarra were released from SAF/MI custody in Talodi and ordered to immediately leave Talodi town. But, the motorbike of Mr. Hussein was confiscated. During the interrogation, they were accused of being Sudan People Liberation Army – North (SPLA-N) soldiers.

Since 18th December 2020, when they were arrested by Sudan Armed Force (SAF) soldiers, they were kept incommunicado in Military Intelligence (MI) custody at Talodi military base. They were denied visits and subjected to inhuman treatment. For instance, during their detention period, more than ten people were sharing a small room (3X4 metres) with no ventilation. They were also offered one poor quality meal per day and given only four (4) litres of water per day. In the entire detention period (more than 60-days), they were allowed to shower/ bath once. Their detention room had a bucket/container to use for defecating. They were physically and psychologically tortured. They were also verbally intimidated with words like, *“we are expecting to receive your execution order any time”*.

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

- Sudan government (Sovereign council, prime minister and minister of defense) to hold to account SAF commandant in Talodi for this arrest, mistreatment and confiscation of the motorbike.
- Sudan government to end the state of emergency in conflict areas which enables MI to arrest civilians at will.
- Sudan government to respect the constitutional rights of citizens
- Sudan government to respect its international obligations.

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