



## PRESS STATEMENT

### SAF ILLEGALLY DETAINS AND CONFISCATES GOODS IN TALODI, SUDAN

On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, SAF in Talodi arrested Mr. Aziz Khames and released him the following day but they confiscated his goods (commodities). They accused him of taking goods to SPLA-N area and he was ordered to leave the town.

On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Mr. Aziz Khames Daw-Elbeit came to Talodi market by his tuktuk (Automobile). He was coming from Keiga goldmine of Angarto for shopping. He bought one barrel of petrol and one sack of wheat flour. On his way back, he was stopped by four (4) Sudan Armed Force (SAF) soldiers who had a vehicle near the market. The soldiers were led by an officer at the rank of major. The soldiers took him to SAF quarter in Talodi where he was detained and interrogated.

The following day (1<sup>st</sup> March 2022), he was released but his commodities were confiscated. SAF accused him of taking goods to Sudan People Liberation Army – North (SPLA-N) territory. He was ordered to leave the town immediately otherwise he would be arrested again.

Talodi is capital of Talodi locality in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains. Keiga goldmine is in Angarto village which is about 35 km northeast and it falls within SPLA-N territory.

**HUDO** is very concerned about the security, safety of civilians and their belongings in conflict areas and calls upon;

- SAF headquarter in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains to immediately investigate this case.
- SAF in Talodi to stop violating civilians' rights and to give back Mr. Aziz commodities.
- The government local authority in Talodi to ensure that there is rule of law.

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