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PRESS STATEMENT

SAF ARRESTED MR. ABDALLA KHALIL IN UMBREMBETA, SUDAN

On 29th August 2023, SAF soldiers together with some militias arrested Mr. Abdalla Abduelkarim Khalil from a place near Umbrembeta. They accused him of spying for the Sudan People's Liberation Movement - North (SPLA-N). He was detained (incommunicado) and tortured in Umbrembeta and Abu-Kershola military bases before being released on 12th September 2023.

On 29th August 2023, SAF soldiers together with Popular Defense Force (PDF) militia's soldiers arrested Mr. Abdalla Abduelkarim Khalil along the road between Ambair and Abu Al-Hassan villages. During the arrest, PDF soldiers first searched him as they asked him where he was heading to and from. They physically assaulted (beaten) him and transported him to the SAF military base in Umbrembeta where he was kept incommunicado and tortured (beaten). They accused him of spying for the Sudan People's Liberation Army - North.

On 2nd September 2023, Mr. Abdalla's mother went to visit him, but the SAF soldiers did not allow her to meet (access) him. On 7th September 2023, SAF in Umbrembeta had transferred Mr. Abdalla to Abu-Kershola military garrison.

On 12th September 2023, Mr. Abdalla was released unconditionally.

Mr. Abdalla Abduelkarim Khalil (23 years) is a Nubian farmer and lives in Abu Al-Hassan village. Umbrembeta is 45 km south of Abu Kershola town in Abu-Kershola locality of South Kordofan State /Nuba Mountains. Both Amber and Abu Al-Hassan villages are located along the road between the two mentioned towns.

HUDO Centre is concerned about the safety of civilians in Sudan during this difficult period of fighting between SAF and RSF and calls for the followings:

- Sudan Armed Forces to stop arresting civilians arbitrarily.
- The Commander of SAF in South Kordofan state/ Nuba Mountains to investigate the circumstances that led to the arrest and torture of Mr. Abdalla Khalil and make the findings public.

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