



PRESS STATEMENT

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RSF COMMITTED A SERIES OF VIOLATIONS AGAINST CIVILIANS IN LAGAWA LOCALITY, SUDAN

Between April and May 2024, the Rapid Support Forces, supported by a tribal militia committed a series of killings and looting in a number of villages around Lagawa of Nuba Mountains. The authorities did not take any measures to protect civilians.

On 1st April 2024, Rapid Support Forces armed soldiers came on vehicles and motorcycles and shot Mr. Al-Tahr Haroun Ibrahim (42 years old) while he was working on his farm near Nimir Shago village. Mr. Tahir sustained injuries with a fracture in his right arm.

On 15th April 2024, seven armed RSF soldiers came on motorcycles and attacked Kara village.

On 16th April 2024, a group RSF soldiers shot and killed Mr. Sharif Badi Teea in Um-Kuji village and looted his cattle (about sixty-two cows).

On 21st April 2024, RSF soldiers shot and killed Mr. Saleh Hamouda Suleiman (34 years old) when he was grazing his cattle 3 km away from his village Tarin. Thereafter, they took (looted) around twenty cows.

On 23rd April 2024 around 8:00pm (Sudan local time), about forty (40) RSF soldiers shot and killed Mr. Ali Mom Abu Duraa (48 years old) while he was praying at his home in Shawa village and looted about one hundred and seventy (170) of his cows.

On 25th April 2024 at morning hours, RSF armed group attacked the village of Shawa and looted thirteen (13) cows belonging to Mr. Tutu Al-Fahal and Mr. Elias Kuwa Al-Mair.

On 21st May 21 2024, Mr. Hamdeen Mohammad Hamdeen (a youth activist and the son of a community leader) was assassinated by RSF between Al-Fugara and Tarin villages.

A community activist (B.F) spoke to HUDO Centre and said: *"On 12th April 2024, RSF conducted a meeting with a group of youth from the Misseriya tribe/ Arab in Jangaro village. The meeting concluded that, the violations of killing, looting, against Nuba tribes civilians should continue in Lagawa locality villages to force Nuba leave these villages"*.

Nimir Shago, Kara, Um-Kuji, Tarin, Shawa, Al-Fugara are villages in Lagawa locality in Nuba Mountains that is administratively under West Kordufan state. These villages are mainly inhabited by Nuba tribes and hosts some of the displaced Nuba people from Lagawa town from the time was attacked by Arab militia supported by RSF in 2022.

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 following:

- The West Kordufan State security committee to investigate the tribal target by RSF with an intention to displace them.
- The security organs in West Kordufan State to implement security measures for the civilians.
- The prosecutor in West Kordufan State to ensure rule of law conducted.
- The two warring parties (SAF and RSF) to respect the constitutional rights of civilians.

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