



HUDO Centre

No.: H.K/PS/12/024

Date: 28th July 2024

PRESS STATEMENT

(For Immediate Release)

RSF BRUTALLY ATTACKED ABU AL-HASSAN VILLAGE IN ABU-KERSHOLA LOCALITY, SUDAN

On 19th July 2024, Rapid Support Forces attacked Abu Al-Hassan village, killed thirteen (13) people, injured others, looted and burnt down the houses. The attackers accused the residents of this village that they participated in stealing the cattle from the tribemates of the RSF militia. No action was taken by the authorities.

On 19th July 2024 at 5:00 AM (Sudan local time), Rapid Support Forces (RSF) armed soldiers came with motorcycles and attacked brutally Abu Al-Hassan village. The attackers were from Hawazma tribe and they gathered from Umbrembeta and Abu Kershola areas purposely for this attack. They violently attacked the village, shooting randomly, looting the residents' properties and burning the houses. As a result, thirteen (13) civilians were killed, six (6) others were injured, two (2) people missing, all the victim from Nuba/ Tagoe tribe. They also looted the following; two hundred and sixty-seven (267) cows, eight (8) motorbikes, three (3) tuk-tuks and three (3) bicycles. Many houses were burnt down and the village residents were displaced/ fled to the surrounding mountains. The reason behind was the attackers (RSF) accused the village residents of stealing a herd of cattle from their tribemates (Hawazma).

No action was taken by the security authority to defend the residents of this village and their property.

Below are the names of the dead, injured, and missing people:

The names of people (residents) who were killed are; Mr. Adam Babikir Osman (Jabu), Mr. Youssif Adam Jadalla, Mr. Osman Edris Osman, Mr. Osman Omer Ibrahim, Mr. Abdalla Mohammed (Abu Shanab), Mr. Makki Haroun Adam, Mr. Yaqoub Abdalla Hassan, Mr. Ibrahim Zakaria Ibrahim, Mr. Siddiq Ahmed Khalil, Mr. Abu Al-Hassan Adam Abu Al-Bashar, Mr. Asim Juma Abdulla, Mr. Abu Obaida Adam Abdalla, and Mr. Abduelraheem Edris.

The names of injured people (residents) are; Mr. Abdeen Youssif Adam, Mr. Ezzeldin Abdalla Abduelkarim, Mr. Obaid Abdalla Saeed, Mr. Al-Rabie Suliman Yahya, Mr. Adam Khalil Abu Groun, and Mr. Osman Kurdaf.

The names of missing people (residents) are; Mr. Hasaballa Haroun and Mr. Abdulehamid Mohammed Al-Rayah.

A community leader from Abu-Kershola talked to HUDO Centre saying that; *“Abu-Kershola locality is mainly inhabitant by Nuba tribe and Hawazma among others. The large number of Hawazma who were in People Defense Force (PDF) joined RSF which empowered them with advance weapons. This is their second attack to Abu-Alhassan village in less than a year”*.

Umbrembeta town is 45 km south of Abu Kershola town in Abu-Kershola locality of South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains. Abu Al-Hassan villages is located along the road between the two mentioned towns inhabited by Nuba/ Tagoe of about three thousand (3000) people.

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 Sudan Armed Force in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains to protect the civilians.
- The prosecutor in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains to ensure that there is rule of law.
- RSF should immediately and unconditionally release any abducted persons.
- The two warring parties (SAF and RSF) to respect the constitutional rights of civilians

End:

For more information, please write to hudo2009@gmail.com