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URGENT APPEAL

ABDUCTION OF A CHILD FOR MORE THAN FOUR MONTHS FROM LAGAWA, SUDAN

On 14th October 2022, when Rapid Support Force (RSF) invaded Lagawa, a 14-year old child was kidnapped from his mother at home by attackers. The kidnapers are known and they are currently asking for a ransom from the child's family. The family reported this incident to police and all the authorities in charge (security committee and political leaders) but, no action has been taken.

RSF invaded Lagawa town on 14th October 2022, in support of Misseriya tribe. Some of the invaders searched houses looking for specific persons of Nuba tribes. Mr. Eltaj (Tajeldeen) Jammah Kowa (the head of Kamda youth association) was one of them. On 15th October 2022, they came to Eltaj's sister house searching for him, where they found his family and kidnapped his child Jammah (14 years old) in front of the mother and other family members.

Immediately, the mother went and reported to the Sudan Armed Force (SAF) and the head of General Intelligence Service (GIS) in Lagawa but there was no action. However, the GIS head informed her that, he knew about the incident (abduction) and that the child was with someone called Elnayir Fadul Hamdan.

On 4th November 2022, the child was allowed by the kidnapers to call his mother. The child informed her that he was held at a nomad camp.

Afterwards, the family was displaced with other Lagawa residents to Dilling town. While at Dilling, the father communicated with the security committee in West Kordufan State about his child. But, there was no action made yet the kidnapers kept calling via phones (the numbers are available) asking for ransom of five million Sudanese pound (about \$10,000). The father later filed a criminal case against the abductors and an arrest warrant was issued twice against them. But nobody has been arrested yet.

HUDO Centre is very concerned about the safety of civilians/ and calls upon;



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- Sudan government to conduct thorough investigations in this case of abduction of the underage and the child should be handed to his family immediately.
- The minister of interior affair should act and ensure that the kidnapers are apprehended and taken to courts of law.
- The West Kordufan State government and security committee to execute their duties towards their citizens responsibly.
- The national NGOs, lawyers associations, international organizations and UN agencies to urgently put pressure on the authorities to ensure freedom of the kidnapped child.



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More information

Lagawa is the capital town of Lagawa locality in West Kordufan State and it's located within Nuba Mountains.

On 14th October 2022, in support of Misseriya tribe, Rapid Support Force (RSF) invaded Lagawa town and the suburbs targeting Nuba tribes, they killed, injured, looted and burnt down their houses. They caused major displacement of Lagawa residents. There was no intervention from security forces to stop this attack. The attack was triggered by the land ownership dispute of Lagawa territory by Misseriya.

The name of the kidnapped child is Jammah Eltaj Jammah (student). His father is Eltaj (Tajeldeem) Jammah Kowa (a trader and known as the head of Kamda youth association). Kamda is one of the main Nuba tribes in Lagawa. The mother (Ms. Khadeeja Yagoub) witnessed the kidnapping process.

The father filed the case after the administrative order that was issued by West Kordufan State allowing Lagawa's victims to file criminal cases that were committed against them.

The main defendant (one of the abductors) is called Elnayir Fadul Hamdan. He is a policeman from Misseyia tribe working at oil and mining police in Baleila. The arrest warrant was issued against him and sent twice to his police office in Baleila but there is no response up to date.

The affected rights: Right to life and safety, rule of law and child rights

- Articles (44, 48 and 50) Sudan Transition Constitutional Document 2019
- Articles (6 and 26) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights read with articles (3 &7) in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Articles (6, 35 and 37) Child rights