



URGENT ACTION

ARREST OF YOUTH IN DILLING, SUDAN

On 22nd January 2019, NISS arrested six youth in Dilling town of South Kordufan; three of them were arrested from their homes and the other three from Dilling market. Their whereabouts are unknown and they are suspected to be under torture. The arrest was for unknown reason.

On 22nd January 2019 early morning, a group of armed soldiers dressed in the uniform of National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) arrested six youths from their homes and Dilling town/market. They were taken to unknown place. No reason was given for their arrest but it's suspected to be in connection with the announced (planned) visit of the president to Dilling town.

The names of those who were arrested from their homes are; Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Abouhum, 43 years old, trader; Mr. Mohammed Belal Elzain, 27 years old, graduate and Mr. Mohammed Edris Elgedail, 23 years, student. Those who were arrested from the town/market are: Mr. Abdalla Mergani Goufa, 24 years old, student; Mr. Elzain Mohammed Elsadiq, 30 years old graduate; Mr. Saif-Eldin Elhasab, 32 years, graduate.

In the evening of that day (22nd January 2019) the families of the arrested people went to NISS office to inquire about their fate. But they were chased away and denied any information about them. This raised more fear that they could be undergoing tortured.

HUDO is very concerned about the youths/ students during this current situation of demonstrations and calls upon;

- Sudan government to disclose the whereabouts of the detained youth and to allow family and lawyers to visit them.
- Sudan government to respect its international obligations of human rights.
- NISS authorities at Dilling to immediately release them unconditionally or to present them before courts of law if there is a genuine case against them.



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More information

Since the second week of December 2018, demonstrations have been going on in many towns of Sudan where people are demanding for their basic rights and political reform. The security forces responded with excessive use of force towards demonstrators which caused loss of lives and many have been arrested.

Because of the ongoing demonstrations/riots, the president of Sudan is visiting many towns seeking public support. The security authorities have since conducted what is termed as “preventive arrests” of the youths and student in order to exclude any opposing voices. In line with that, the current arrest was conducted as Sudan government announced the president’s visit to Dilling scheduled for 28th January 2019.