



URGENT APPEAL

DEATHS AND CAUSALITIES OVER TRIBAL FIGHTS IN KOLOGI, SUDAN

Since 10th June 2021, the security situation in Kologi deteriorated due to conflicts between Kawahla and Dar Ali/ Hawazma tribes that led to murders and injuries of people. This happened when security organs were present but could not intervene.

On 10th June 2021, Mr. Osman Hamad and Mr. Khaleil Ali were shot dead by unknown people while they were on their way traveling from Gadier to Kao. Their tribesmen (Kawahla) suspect that the two had been killed by members of Dar Ali.

On 12th June 2021, a tractor driver from Kawahla tribe was assaulted and his tractor with its trailer was confiscated by Dar Ali tribal group at a place called Alshabaka near Kologi. His tribesmen later managed to bring back the confiscated items.

On 13th June 2021, Mr. Elfadil Ali Gargar (from Dar Ali tribe) was killed at Gerami market of Kologi by someone of Kawahla-tribe. In retaliation, the same day Mr. Mudathir Hasab-Elnabi (from kawahla-tribe) was killed at Almajid neighbourhood of Kologi by Dar Ali tribesmen.

On 14th June 2021, some of Kawahla tribesmen burnt two houses of Dar Ali tribe families. The same day, members of Kawahla tribe shifted (moved) their families from Kologi to Gadier and other places as precautions where they have majority of their kinsmen (tribe).

On 15th June 2021, a group of armed people of Dar Ali/ Hawazma tribe gathered from different areas and invaded Almajid neighbourhood and burnt many of their houses while intensively firing on air. On their way back at Gardood Toro, they shot dead two Kawahla people (Mr. Eisa Hussein Elzain and Mr. Abdu-Elgawee) and injured other three (Mr. Gebrail Elbashir, Mr. Elsheikh Abass and Mr. Ahmed Yagoub). The injured are currently under medical care at Talodi hospital.

These incidents happened but police and military in Kologi did not intervene yet they were present.

HUDO Centre is very concerned about the situation of civilians in conflict areas and calls upon:

- Sudan government to urgently solve the tribal conflict and the insecurity situation in Kologi
- Sudan government to ensure the rule of law, safety of people and their properties.
- Sudan government to hold account the security committee in South Kordufan State.
- Sudan government to dissolve the government militias and disarm people with unlicensed firearms.



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More information

Kologi is a capital city of Gadier locality. Gadier village is about 15 km East of Kologi while Kao is about 50 km South-East of Kologi. Talodi is a capital city of Talodi locality about 60 km West Kologi. Gardood Toro is a forested (bushy) area between Kologi and Talodi mainly occupied by nomads. All these areas are in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains.

Dar Ali is sub-tribe of Hawazma and they are mostly Nomads. Initially, they had settled at Bit-Alkalb but due to the war conflict in South Kordufan/ Nuba Mountains between the government and SPLA-N they were displaced and moved to Kenana tribe's area of Elhemaid and other places as well as their nomadic life. Kawahla and Dar Ali both are Arab tribes.

The trigger of tribal conflict predate back to January 2020 at Elhemaid area (between Kologi and Abu-Jibaiha towns). The conflict was between Dar Ali-tribe and Kenana tribes and later it involved other neighbouring tribes like Kawahla-tribe, Lougan-tribe and Kao-Nyaro against Dar Ali-tribe. Dar Ali-tribe/ Hawazma members used to come from different far areas (like Umbrembeta, Khor-Eldelaib and Abu-Kershola) to support their fellows in case of a fight/conflict. Initially, the two tribes were armed by the former regime (of Al-Bishir) as part of the Popular Defense Force (PDF).

Currently many families have migrated/shifted from Kologi and more others are still leaving. There is no presence of government/ authorities' initiatives as far as safeguarding the citizens is concerned or ending the conflict.

Since 12th June 2021, the single road which connects Talodi and Aleri localities to Abu-Jibaiha and rest of Sudan is closed because of these violent incidents. This led to the rise of prices for essential commodities in the two localities.

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

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