



24th December 2017

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COURT TRIAL OF AL-SANADRA CASE

The court session was held on Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 11:25 AM before Justice/ Abdeen Hamid Dhahi at Khartoum North court. The prosecutor was absent together with some lawyers. The judge adjourned court to 27th December 2017 after the request by defendants' panel.

Summary of the court session

The Court session started at 11:25 AM (Sudan local time) before judge/ Abdeen Hamid Dhahi. In attendance were the investigator, defendants, the panel of lawyers (not all) and the general public. The prosecutor did not attend this court session and some other lawyers.

A representative of the defendants' lawyers Mr. Shain requested court to adjourn the session because of the absence of the military's legal consultant and lawyer/ Amir Ghalib. The reason given for their failure to attend court was that, they were taking care of their close relatives who are very sick. The representative of the accusing panel Mr. Awad Basha objected reasoning that, the session can go on since other lawyers on the defendants' panel are present.

The judge obliged with the request for adjournment and postponed the session to 27th December 2017 at 11:00 AM.

Recommendations/ Appeals

HUDO urges all the concerned, especially:

- The Sudan court to conduct the trial fairly
- The activists and defendants' supporters to keep on attending court sessions
- The diplomatic missions and embassies to observe the court sessions
- The Sudan and international media to give full coverage for the court

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