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PRESS STATEMENT

SERIES OF DEATH PENALTIES AND LONG IMPRISONMENT VERDICTS ISSUED AGAINST CIVILIANS IN BLUE NILE, SUDAN

Since December 2024, more than seven death sentences and long imprisonment penalties have been delivered against civilians by the judiciary system in Damazin. All the defendants were accused of waging war against the state under suspicions of being affiliated with the RSF.

In June 2024, the security committee in Blue Nile State established a unit named the Joint Security Cell (JSC). This unit consists of SAF-MI, GIS, police, SPLA-N (Agar), and the Islamic militia. Since then, the JSC has been responsible for leading an intensive arbitrary arrest campaign, particularly targeting IDPs who fled to Damazin city seeking refuge after RSF attacks on their towns and villages.

Subsequently, courts in Damazin have intervened to serve the political interests of the security committee. In all cases, the complainant was the JSC, and devastating verdicts have been delivered against civilians without affording them sufficient opportunities to defend themselves. In some cases, defendants were denied legal representation, and activist lawyers were threatened for standing up for the victims. The cases that **HUDO Centre** has observed and confirmed are:

15th December 2024: Mr. Y. A was sentenced to death.

30th December 2024: Mr. A. H. A was sentenced to twenty (20) years of imprisonment.

15th January 2025: Mr. Salah Tayfour Ahmed was sentenced to death.

23rd January 2025: Mr. Adil Eldai Musa was sentenced to death.

27th January 2025: Mr. Ali Eldai Musa (brother of the above) was sentenced to death.

4th February 2025: Mr. Elzain Ahmed Elzain was sentenced to death.

12th February 2025: Mr. Faris Mustafa Hamid was sentenced to twenty-three (23) years of imprisonment.

13th February 2025: Mr. Mohammed Elamein Elnayer was sentenced to death.

25th February 2025: Mr. Farag-Elhum Abduelrahman Amir was sentenced to death

All defendants were accused of affiliation and cooperation with the RSF and were tried wholly or partially under the following laws:

The Sudan Criminal Code (1991): Articles 21, 50, 51, 52, 56, 65, 174, & 175

The Law on Combating Cybercrimes (2018): Articles 24 & 25



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The Anti-Terror Act (2001): Article 10

A lawyer from Damazin spoke to **HUDO Centre**, stating that: *these trials were evidently politically motivated. Due to this and the security threats imposed by the JSC and the nature of the proceedings, which resembled show or kangaroo trials, many activist lawyers refrained from involvement. On average, these trials lasted only about three sessions.*

Damazin is the capital city of Blue Nile State. Most of the victims are young men (aged 20–45) and IDPs who fled their villages and towns seeking refuge in Damazin town.

HUDO Centre is deeply concerned about the safety and security of civilians in Sudan during this challenging period of conflict between SAF and RSF. Therefore, we call for the following actions:

- The security committee in Blue Nile State must halt swift trials and the targeting of IDPs.
- The JSC must stop the misuse of power and authority.
- The judiciary system in Sudan to revise the verdicts and respect the rights of civilian having fair trials.
- The judicial system in Blue Nile State must remain independent and avoid being influenced by security and political entities.

End.

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