



URGENT APPEAL

GIS CARRIES OUT AN OPERATION OF ARRESTING THE YOUTH IN KADOGLI, SUDAN

Between 9th and 12th May 2025, GIS arrested six (6) youths in Kadogli with no justified reason. One was released and the other five (5) are still held incommunicado in GIS cells in Kadogli. This raised concerns that they could be subjected to torture.

The General Intelligence Service (GIS) in Kadogli carried out an operation targeting and arresting the youth activists in Kadogli emergency room. GIS is arresting the youth without giving any reasons. In all the cases, after arresting them (youths), the soldiers confiscate their smart phones and search them. The fate of these youths is unknown.

Sequence of the arrests;

On 9th May 2025, GIS soldiers arrested two (2) youths and took them to the GIS building in Kadogli. One is Mr. Omar Mohammed Osman (known by the nickname Omer Faransa), 38 years old, an employee at Kadogli Electricity Company. The second one is Mr. Mahdi Mohamed Kodi, 35 years old.

GIS soldiers confiscated and searched their smart phones. They were detained in GIS cells without any clear charges.

On 10th May 2025, GIS soldiers arrested Mr. Ahmed Omer, 49 years old, a trader in Kadogli market. He was detained for one (1) night and released unconditionally on 11th May 2025. The reason behind his release was that “he was not the intended person, that there was just similarity in names”.

On 11th May 2025, GIS soldiers arrested Mr. Mohamed Ismail, 34 years old, he is employee at Ministry of Urban Planning. He was taken to the GIS cells in Kadogli. The reason for the arrest was not given.

On 12th May 2025, the GIS arrested Mr. Mosab Osman Al-Noor (35 years old) and Mr. Aasim Ahmed (35 years old) from Kadogli market and took them to the GIS office/detention. No reasons were given for their arrest.

The same day (evening) Mr. Ahmed (the father of Mr. Aasim) attempted to visit his detained son but GIS solders did not allow him.



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An activist in Kadogli talked to HUDO Centre saying that; *“All the detained youth are volunteers active in the emergency room and they were either members in the resistance committees or Force of Freedom and Change (FFC). We believe this arrest operation is related to the corruption articles published by the journalist Mr. Alfadel Elsanhoury since their phones were targeted, searched and confiscated”*.

HUDO Centre is concerned about the safety of civilians in Sudan during this difficult period of fighting between SAF and RSF and calls for the following:

- The GIS in Kadogli to unconditionally release the arrested youth or take them to the courts of law.
- The head of the security committee in South Kordofan State (the governor) to investigate the circumstances behind this arrest and make the findings public.
- The GIS to stop targeting and arresting civilians.
- Sudan government to respect the rights of civilians.



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Additional Information:

Kadogli is the capital of South Kordofan State/Nuba Mountains.

All the arrested youths are active in the emergency rooms which provides assistance and food for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and vulnerable people.

Mr. Alfadel Saeed Elsanhoury is a journalist from Kadogli, currently residing in Kampala-Uganda. He has been regularly writing a series of articles about corruption within the South Kordofan government, titled "The Rot of Kadogli." In his latest article, he addressed the corruption of the governor and the minister of health.

[Alfadel Saeed - الوالى الجلابى ووزير الصحة - Kadogli... | Facebook](#)

Since this last article was published, the arrest operations started by the security organs and the main topic in their interrogation was who among you was providing information to Mr. Elsanhoury. That is how and why their phones are searched.

The security forces in Kadogli routinely arrest youth activists in Kadogli, for example:

On 3rd May 2025, soldiers from the Joint Security Cell (JSC) arrested six (6) youth activists and detained them at JSC detention in Kadogli. They accused the youth of providing information to the journalist. On 4th May 2025, four (4) of the youth were released, and the other two (2) were transferred to the (SAF) garrison in Kadogli, where they remained held incommunicado up to date, which causes fear that they could be undergoing torture.

Rights Violated: Personal Freedom & privacy interference

- Articles 46 & 55 of the 2019 Constitutional Document.
- Article 6 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.
- Articles 9 & 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- Articles 9 & 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.