



8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## PRESS STATEMENT

### ROBBERY AT GUNPOINT IN UMBRAMBETA/ SUDAN

On 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018, three armed masked men in military uniform looted from the house of Mr. Mohammed Abuelgasim at gunpoint in Umbrambeta town. The case was reported to police, filed against anonymous and they have not done any further investigations.

On the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 (at about 08:00 PM), three armed, masked men dressed in military uniform knocked at Mr. Mohammed Abuelgasim house gate. On opening the gate, one of them pointed a gun to his chest and ordered him to go in the house. They took his smart phone and money /sixteen thousand and three hundred Sudanese pound (approximately \$ 300 USD). They threatened to kill him in case he was to scream. They later moved out of the house and disappeared.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 morning, Mr. Mohammed reported to police office where a case was filed against anonymous and no further investigation was done.

Mr. Mohammed Abuelgasim Alrufae is a 38 year old trader. Umbrambeta is a town in South Kordufan in Abu-Kershola locality and at a distance of about 60 kilometers South Abu-Kershola town.

HUDO was informed by number of residents of Umbrambeta that, no one is allowed in Umbrambeta town to carry a gun or to wear military uniform except Sudan armed Forces (SAF), Public Defense Forces (PDF) Soldiers and police.

**HUDO** is very concerned about the safety of civilians in SK and calls upon;

- Sudan government to respect the international humanitarian law in safeguarding civilians in conflict areas.
- Sudan government to stop any kind of impunity for soldiers and should safeguard civilians' rights of security and to hold the perpetrators to account.

**End:**

For further information please write to: [hudo2009@gmail.com](mailto:hudo2009@gmail.com)