



PRESS STATEMENT

TWO FEMALE RAPED BY PDF SOLDIERS IN UMBRAMBETA/ SUDAN

On 12th December 2018, two females were raped by Popular Defense Forces (PDF) soldiers in Umbrambeta/ Sudan. One of the victims is underage. The victims reported the case to the community leader but no further action was taken.

On 12th December 2018, while Miss/ A. M. K. K with her aunt Mrs. N. H were at their farm 2 km North Umbrambeta town, four armed men in PDF uniform attacked them, undressed and raped them under gun point. They also insulted the victims by referring to them as slaves and telling them that, they are fed-up with their activities of cultivation which shrinks/squeezes the grazing area. Afterwards, the victims came back to town and reported matter to their community leader but no further action was taken.

Miss/ A. M. K. K is 16 years old and student at basic school. Mrs. N. H is a 39 year old, married, farmer and an Aunt to Miss. A. M. Both of them are from Lira tribe/ Nuba and displaced from their village Hegairbako to Umbrambeta town, as the nearest town to them in South Kordufan State.

Human rights activist in Umbrambeta informed HUDO that, the home of Lira tribe are villages of Hegairbako, Elazraq and Nakma. When the war broke out in 2011, they were displaced to Umbrambeta town and they are living at Alhdaba Suburb. They have been targeted and discriminated by security authorities. The police do not respond to their concerns but they direct them to report to their community leader. However, the former community leader was assassinated because he had demanded for his tribe rights.

HUDO is very concerned about the safety of civilians in SK and calls upon; community's

- Sudan government to respect the international humanitarian law in safeguarding civilians in conflict areas particularly children, women and other internally displaced people.
- Sudan government to stop any kind of discrimination and safeguarding civilians' rights, to provide security and hold the perpetrators to account.

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