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COURT TRIAL OF AL-SANADRA CASE

Two court sessions were held on 7th and 14th March 2018 at Khartoum North court before Justice/ Abdeen Hamid Dhahi. The first session was the judge finalizing questioning the defendants while the other session is the judge delivering the court accusations against the defendants. The next court session is scheduled for 28th March 2018.

Summary of 7th March court session

The court session was held on 7th March 2018, started by 11:00 AM (Sudan local time) at Khartoum North court before Justice/ Abdeen Hamid Dhahi, all parties were present. The judge finalized questioning the remained/ rest defendants. The summary below is the defendants' response:

The 12th Defendant: Abakar Fadelmowla Suliman

- I'm a resident of Al-Abbasiya town.
- I'm a member (Mujahid) of PDF and I was armed with a personal weapon (AK-47 gun).
- On Friday 2nd September 2016, I was attending the locality meeting that I had invited by the State MP where I met Omda Altahir Mansour and others whereby, I never said we entered the first camp.
- I had come to the meeting with motorbike.
- I do not know where Al-Sanadra and haven't been there.
- I do not know and never saw witnesses; Adam Senada or Emam Abdalla also I don't know the deceased person Abdalla Suliman and he never talked to me.
- I know defendants; Hamid Almanzol and the others as PDF members/ Mujahideen.

The 13th Defendant: Saleh Joudat Ibrahim Mohammed

- I'm a resident of Al-Abbasiya town.
- I'm a member (Mujahid) of PDF and I was armed with a personal weapon (AK-47 gun).
- I was not among those who attacked Al-Sanadra and I had never been there.
- On Friday 2nd Sept. 2016, I was at my house with other people from 07:00 am up to 01:00 pm.
- I know defendants as PDF colleagues.
- I do not know witnesses Hassan Alzaibaq, I have just seen him at this court



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The 14th Defendant: Nasreldin Daoud Mohammed Joudat

- I'm a resident of Al-Abbasiya town.
- I'm a member (Mujahid) of PDF and I was armed with AK 47 gun.
- On Friday 2nd Sep. 2016, I was coming from travel and I slept after at my house.
- I wasn't among Al-Sanadra attackers.
- I know in person the defendants; Saleh Joudat, Ahmed Abdelgadir, Abakar Fadelmowla, Hamid Almanzol and the rest by face from the PDF.
- I do not know witness Hassan Alzaibaq and Yousif Ahmed Mukhtar as well as I had never seen them before.

Summary of 14th March court session

The court session was held on 14th March 2018, by 11:00 AM (Sudan local time) at Khartoum North court before Justice/ Abdeen Hamid Dhahi. Apart from the prosecutor, all parties were present. The main activity of the court session was the judge giving the court accusation against each defendant:

1. The 1st defendant/ Hassan Ismail Ramadan (underage): the court procedure shall continue against him without accusing him yet, any charges against him shall be transferred to the child court.
2. The rest of the defendants, the court accused them by attacking Al-Sanadra in collaboration with others while some of you in military uniform and others in civilian clothes, which caused death of eight civilians, others injured and looting committed. Although this act without an official order from authorized institution. The accusation shall be under the following articles in Sudan Criminal penal 1991:
 - Article (21): Join acts in execution of criminal conspiracy
 - Article (130): Murder
 - Article (139): Penalty for causing intentional wounds
 - Article (167): Armed robbery (Hiraba)
 - Article (175): Robbery
3. Then, the judge gave the defendant the opportunity of replying, which was:
 - A. The military's legal consultant Mr. Amir Ghalib, replied as follow:
 - On behalf of the 2nd (Ahmed Jazim), 3rd (Saied Abdalla Al-Saied) and 4th (Ahmed Al-Tayeb Al-Zain) defendants, they are innocent as well as they are SAF soldiers and they are following official orders yet, they didn't reached the incident's area. We will approve that according to the submitted list of the witnesses.



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- On behalf of the 5th (Al-sadiq Mohammed Rahma), 8th (Alhadi Abdelrahman Ibrahim Almahdi), 9th (Ahmed Abdelgadir Salah Mohammed) and 10th (Alzaki Saleh Alzaki Mohammed) defendants, they are innocent and they don't have any relation with the incident and we have witnesses in approving that.
- B. The lawyer/ Yousif Gebreil replied on behalf of the 6th (Defendant: Bardab Mohammed Abakar) and 7th (Osman Mohammed Osman) defendants that, they are innocent and they were not among Al-Sanadra attackers and we have witnesses to approve that.
- C. The lawyer/ Shain replied on behalf of the 11th (Hamid Almanzol Ahmed), 12th (Abakar Fadelmowla Suliman), 13th (Saleh Joudat Ibrahim Mohammed) and 14th (Nasreldin Daoud Mohammed Joudat) defendants, they are not guilty and they hadn't been in Al-Sanadra or among the attackers, we will present witnesses to approve that.

At the end of this session, the judge adjourned court to 28th March 2018 at 11:00 AM (Sudan local time) for start hearing the defendants' witnesses.

Observation Note

- The court had avoided to add Articles (5) and (6) in Combat Terrorism Act 2001 which was used before against SPLM-N members in Blue Nile Trials and against JEM members in Long Arm operation in 2008.
- The court also had avoided to use article (186-A: Crimes against humanity) and (188-1/A: War crimes against individuals) of Criminal Penal which were been added by Law-15 in 2009.

Recommendations/ Appeals

HUDO urges all the concerned, especially:

- ❖ The Sudan court to conduct the trial fairly
- ❖ The activists, defenders and 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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