



URGENT ACTION

ARREST OF CIVILIAN BY MI IN UM-BRAMBETA, SUDAN

On 13th October 2018, Mr. Ismail Yousif Abu-Salaa was arrested by MI in Um-Brambeta under reason of being brother to SPLA-N member. His whereabouts is unknown and he is suspected to be under torture while denied family or lawyers visits.

Mr. Ismail Yousif Abu-Salaa, 46 years old, a driver and he is a resident of Um-Brambeta town that located in South Kordufan state within Abu-Kershola locality.

On 13th October 2018, three armed soldiers of the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) uniform headed by Military Intelligence (MI) sergeant have arrested Ismail Yousif from his home at Alhdaba Suburb of Um-Brambeta town. They have taken him to MI office at the water source and then after to SAF military garrison in town. The following day (14th October 2018) Mr. Ismail's family went to SAF military garrison asking about him. But, they were denied the visitation or to meet him, only informed the family that, he is under interrogation. On 16th October 2018, they had gone back and met the same sergeant who arrested him and he informed them that, Ismail was transferred to Abu-Kershola military base, and his arrest was because his younger brother who is member in SPLA-N. However, the sergeant threatened them not to ask about him again or all of them will face the same arrest fate. Immediately after the family went to the police office attempting to file a case but, the police officer denied them and directed them back to military. This behavior has increased the worries of Ismail's family towards his life.

HUDO is very concerned about the situation of civilians in South Kordufan State and their safety

HUDO calls upon;

- Sudan government to disclose the whereabouts of Mr. Ismail Yousif and to allow family and lawyers visit.
- Sudan government to end the state of emergency in conflict areas which enabled MI to arrest civilians at will.
- The military authority in Um-Brambeta/ Abu-Kershola to immediately release Ismail Yousif or to appear him before courts of law if there is a genuine case against him.



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More information

According to state of emergency, MI in South Kordufan has committed many violations and atrocities against civilians particularly from Nuba ethnics. This very one MI unit in Umbrambeta had accused by assassination of a Nubian community leader (Omda/ Khamis Badawi Deidan) on 4th October 2018.

In Al-Abbasiya locality that neighboring Abu-Kershola locality, the MI used to arrest and torture civilians for instance; on 8th September 2018 torture had caused the death of Mr. Aldouma M. Osman.