



## URGENT ACTION

### ARREST AND DEATH CAUSED BY TORTURE

**On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Mr. Aldouma M. Osman died at Um-Rawaba hospital as a result of torture. He was tortured by the Military Intelligence (MI) in Al-Abbasiya after being arrested together with other eight (8) civilians. They were arrested for criticizing a negligent military driver who caused an accident that resulted in serious injuries.**

The deceased Mr. Aldouma Mohamed Osman, 55 years old, farmer was arrested together with other eight. Their names are; Ali Abduelrahman Ali, 58 years, AL-Mac neighbourhood mayor; Musfafa Hassan Abu-Eljaz, 45 years, self-employed; Abass Abduelmoneim Haj Albouda, 21 years, student; Bahaa-Eldein Gamea Gamaa, 45 years, driver; Kamal Ali Abduelrahman, 18 years, student and he is a son of the mayor; Abduelhameed Abduelmajid, 60 years, blacksmith; Altahir Idriss, 46 years, driver; Waleed Mukhtar, 35 years, civil servant.

In the morning hours of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018, Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) land-cruiser vehicle belonging to Al-Abbasiya head commandant was driven in the Al-Mac neighbourhood at a very high speed by its driver. As a result, the vehicle knocked/crushed a civilian named Abas Adam Ibrahim (nickname: Complete) who was riding a motorbike. The accident led to a fracture of his right femur. The residents in the neighbourhood were annoyed and chased after the driver of the land-cruiser. The driver ran to the police office seeking protection. The next day 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018, the military intelligence in Al-Abbasiya arrested nine people/residents. Three of them (Abduelhameed Abduelmajid, Altahir Idriss and Waleed Mukhtar) were released after two hours of interrogation. The other six were kept in MI custody and subjected to torture. They were beaten with leather-whips, saturated by sulfuric acid, kicked in different parts of their bodies including private parts (genitals) and they were denied visits and medical care.

On 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Ali Abduelrahman, Musfafa Hassan and Abass Abduelmoneim were released and later on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018, Aldouma Mohamed Osman, Bahaa-Eldein Gamea and Kamal Ali



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were also released. All of them were released in bad health state particularly Aldoma who was not allowed to travel for treatment. Aldoma's family was threatened by MI when they attempted to open a case at police. Later, on 6<sup>th</sup> September Aldoma was taken by his family to Um-Rawaba town (85 km from Al-Abbasiya) against the MI orders because his health had deteriorated with a severe skin burning, hematuria and testis swelling. On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018, he passed away at Um-Rawaba hospital and a case was filed there. According to a reliable source from Um-Rawaba hospital informed HUDO that, the cause of death was renal failure and high degree of skin burning by sulfuric acid.

About the other released detainees, Kamal and Mustafa still report to MI office on a daily basis as ordered in their terms of release.

**HUDO** is very concerned about the situation of civilians in SK State especially within the emergency status which gives the MI extreme power and impunity.

**HUDO** calls upon;

- Sudan government to conduct genuine investigations and to hold to account before court Al-Abbasiya military commandant and the MI members responsible for the inhuman acts and the death of Aldouma.
- Sudan government to end the state of emergency in conflict areas which enables MI to arrest civilians at will.
- The military authority in Al-Abbasiya to immediately stop any kind of arrests towards civilians and to handle any kind of accusation towards civilians to the courts of law.
- To the UN agencies on ground to observe, monitor and run investigation in this case as well as to disclose for the international community the real situation in conflict areas.
- The international community to act urgently with needed measures towards Sudan government and to put more pressure on the regime to stop violating fundamental rights of civilians in conflict areas.



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## More information

Since war erupted in South Kordufan by 2011, the MI frequently arrest, torture, execute and forcefully cause the disappearance of civilians. In particular, many civilians had lost their lives in custody due to torture.

As example of using the same tool of torture, on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the MI in Al-Abbasiya released Mohammed Awad Bakheit with severe torture scars after spending more than three months under torture as well as denying him medical care or family visit. He suffers with scars that resulted from the same mechanism of beating with leather-whips saturated by sulfuric acid was used by the same MI department.

Sample of other death cases due to torture;

- On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Kamal M. A. Subahi, died in Talodi MI custody due to torture and denying food and water for days.
- On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012, Jiro Ali Kasir, 73 years old, had died in Talodi MI custody due to torture and denying treatment