



## URGENT ACTION

### RAPE OF TWO GIRLS BY PDF SOLDIERS IN ELFAID UM-ABDALLA, SUDAN

On 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019, four PDF soldiers raped two girls at gun point while they were at their farm, one of the raped girls is underage. The rape victims are now undergoing medical treatment. A case was opened at Rashad police office against anonymous and there are no further investigation was held.

Y. H. A. B is 15 years old and W.H. I is 18 years old. Elfaid Um-Abdalla is small town in Abu-Kershola locality and Rashad is capital city of Rashad locality in South Kordufan State.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 four armed men in People Defense Force (PDF) uniform riding camels attacked the two girls while they were with their grandmother at her farm in Elfaid Um-Abdalla and ordered the two girls to undress at gun point. The girls refused to undress but two of the soldiers forced them and raped them while the other two kept pointing their guns on the grandmother. The four men ran away after the incident. The grandmother took the two girls to the Elfaid Um-Abdalla health centre and from there, they were referred to Rashad hospital where they are receiving medical treatment for the physical injuries they sustained. They are still traumatized psychologically. The case was filed at Rashad police office against anonymous and no further investigation has been conducted by police yet the grandmother and the two victims have ensured that, they can identify the attackers by faces.

**HUDO** is very concerned about the incident and ongoing violations in conflict areas.

**HUDO** calls upon;

- Police in South Kordufan State to carry out genuine investigations, to apprehend and present the suspects(PDF soldiers) before courts of law
- Sudanese and international civil society to focus more on conflict areas.



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## More information

On 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019, the former Sudan president was ousted but nothing changed in conflict areas in particular South Kordufan State. The violations are still going on as before and mostly committed by military intelligence and PDF soldiers.