



PRESS STATEMENT

PDF SHOT/KILLED A CIVILIAN IN UMBREMBETA, SUDAN

On 4th December 2019, Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Eltahir was shot dead by PDF soldiers in Shaq-Elkitir of Umbrembeta. After shooting him, they also looted his sesame harvest. The case was reported at Umbrembeta police office against anonymous but, no further investigations have been carried out yet.

Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Eltahir was 32 years old and a farmer. Umbrembeta is a city in Abu-Kershola locality in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains and Shaq-Elkitir is a cultivation village in a distance of 9 km Northwest Umbrembeta. People Defense Force (PDF) is a government militia in Nuba Mountains and it is mainly composed of nomads of Arab tribes.

On 4th December 2019 while Mr. Eltahir was at his farm in Shaq-Elkitir together with other two farmers in their neighboring farms, three armed men dressed in PDF uniform came riding camels. The armed men ordered these farmers to handover (give them) their harvested sesame. The two other farmers agreed to the PDF orders but Mr. Eltahir refused to hand over his harvest. Immediately, one of the three PDF soldiers shot Mr. Eltahir three bullets that caused his death. One bullet was shot in the chest and two bullets were shot in his legs.

The case was reported at Umbrembeta police office against anonymous but no further investigations were carried. Like many other cases/ crimes committed by PDF, they are not investigated.

HUDO is very concerned about the situation of civilians in conflict areas and calls upon;

- Sudan government at state and central level to urgently investigate the case and bring the perpetrators to the courts of law as well as Umbrembeta police should be questioned.
- Sudan government to ensure the safety of people in conflict areas
- Sudan government to dissolve the PDF and disarm them.

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