URGENT APPEAL

RSF FORCEFULLY OCCUPIED SCHOOL FACILITIES AND USED THEM FOR MILITARY TRAINING IN KADOGLI, SUDAN

On 14th June 2020, RSF in Kadogli occupied the facilities of Elzahraa school for girls and turned them into a military training centre. The RSF soldiers intimidated civilians so that they do not come nearby. Yet, the pupils are meant to be at school since the term began on 2nd July 2020. This case was reported to the state governor but no measures were taken.

On 14th June 2020, seven vehicles mounted with machine guns and armed Rapid Support Force (RSF) soldiers invaded Elzahraa girls primary school at Telu neighborhood of Kadogli town. The RSF soldiers were led by their commandant Lt. Col Mohammed Ehabib Ibrahim Abdelmoneim (nickname Sheerya). On arrival, they dug a trench around the school and since then, the school has been used as a military training centre.

When the residents of Telu went to inquire, they were chased away and warned not to come nearby. Thereafter, the residents reported the case to the military commandant in South Kordufan state who is acting as state governor. But no further steps were taken by him, however, the schools’ term in South Kordufan resumed on 2nd July 2020. The school girls/ pupils of Elzahraa School together with their teachers are not able to access their school.

HUDO is very concerned about the behavior of RSF in Nuba Mountains/ South Kordufan and calls upon Sudan Sovereign Council, the prime minister, South Kordufan state governors, and federal minister of education to;

- Immediately investigate this case and to solve it urgently
- Hold to account the RSF commandant who committed this unlawful act
- Consider the rights of girl child to education.
- Compensate the school, renovate it and solve any kind of physical damage caused
- The PDF/ RSF militias should be dissolved and disarmed.
- Sudan government to respect its international obligations of SDGs towards their citizens.
Elzahraa School is a primary school for girls in Telu neighborhood of Kadogli town; it’s in a distance of one (1) km from Kadogli high secondary school (Telu). The number of pupils studying and affected by this incident are four hundred and twenty seven (427) girls/pupils.

Kadogli is the capital city of Nuba Mountains/ South Kordufan State.

Lieutenant colonel/ Mohammed Ehabib Ibrahim Abdelmoneim (with nickname Sheerya) is the RSF nomad group commandant who invaded the school.

The affected rights: Right to Education and Child Rights

- Article (50 and 62) Sudan Transition Constitutional Document 2019
- Articles (3, 13 and 14) International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural read with article (26) in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Article (28) Child rights
- Fourth goal in SDGs