



## Human Rights Update: April – June 2019

### **Civilians in the SPLM/A-N areas of Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile states continue to suffer violent attacks**

Nubian Human Rights Monitors Organisation (NHRMO) has been monitoring human rights violations committed against the civilian population in Southern Kordofan (SK) and Blue Nile (BN), (Sudan), since the current conflict began in 2011.

The information in this update has been verified by NHRMO field monitors in the areas controlled by the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement/Army–North (SPLM/A-N). Other information has been provided by trusted sources. The update highlights several incidents perpetrated by Sudanese government forces and/or its allied militias/paramilitary forces against the local population in these areas. The update contributes to a strong body of evidence that civilians are being directly and deliberately targeted by the Sudanese authorities and/or their allied militias/paramilitary forces as most of the attacks were against clearly identifiable and unarmed civilians.

#### **Southern Kordofan / Nuba Mountains**

This report covers the period April to June 2019. While the country has been in ongoing turmoil, including the toppling of long-time ruler Omar Al-Bashir on 11 April, attacks against civilians have continued to take place. Most of the human rights violations reported in this update took place in Delami County, Nuba Mountains. Significantly, almost all the attacks were perpetrated by the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) rather than by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) or the Popular Defence Forces (PDF), the SAF-allied militias who had previously been more visible in perpetrating such attacks in the Two Areas. Civilians in the two areas have not noticed any meaningful change following the toppling of Al-Bashir and the struggle for power between the Transitional Military Council (TMC) and civilian opposition forces. Although the number of attacks still have not reached the level prior to the sharp diminution that began in June 2016, there were more human rights violations incidents perpetrated by the Sudan government in the Two Areas during the first six months of 2019, compared to the prior two years. Similarly, as a result, there were more people injured and killed during the first six months of 2019 than during the last six months of 2018.

## Delami County

### April 2019

- **On 22 April 2019, at 11.00am**, in Kumbur village, Nyukur Payam, an unspecified number of men in SAF army uniforms looted 71 head of cattle and killed one person.

### May 2019

- **On 10 May 2019, at 11.00am**, an unspecified number of SAF men in military uniform looted 65 cows in Deri village, Aberi Payam, injuring a 17-year old herder.

### June 2019

- **On 1 June 2019, at 5.00am**, 14 SAF soldiers from Habila military barracks, riding on seven camels, looted 57 cows from Abiyat village, Nyukur Payam. According to eyewitnesses, the soldiers all wore SAF military uniforms and carried light weapons. As the soldiers made their way back to Habila with the cows, armed herders, including some SPLM/A-N personnel, pursued them. Following an exchange of fire, they managed to recover the cows but three of the cows died and four were injured in shooting.
- **On 26 June 2019, at 3.30pm**, about ten SAF soldiers from the government barracks at Sarafai village, Delami Payam, ambushed two civilians in an SPLM/A-N controlled area and shot one of them, a 29-year old man, in the back, killing him. The two were walking to the market in Odura village, Sabat Payam, Delami County. The attackers also stole over 60,000 Sudanese Pounds (equivalent to USD 1,200) from him. The victim was a well-known mechanic.

### Blue Nile



The body of a civilian killed by SAF soldiers while on his way to the market in Odura village on 26 June 2019.

### May 2019

- **On 5 May 2019, at 12.00 noon**, in Bashir Nugo village, Alkurmuk Payam, Alkurmuk County, nine armed men in SAF uniform looted 500 sheep from Falata nomads. The Falata nomads tried resist, but two herders of the group were shot dead in the exchange of fire.

## June 2019

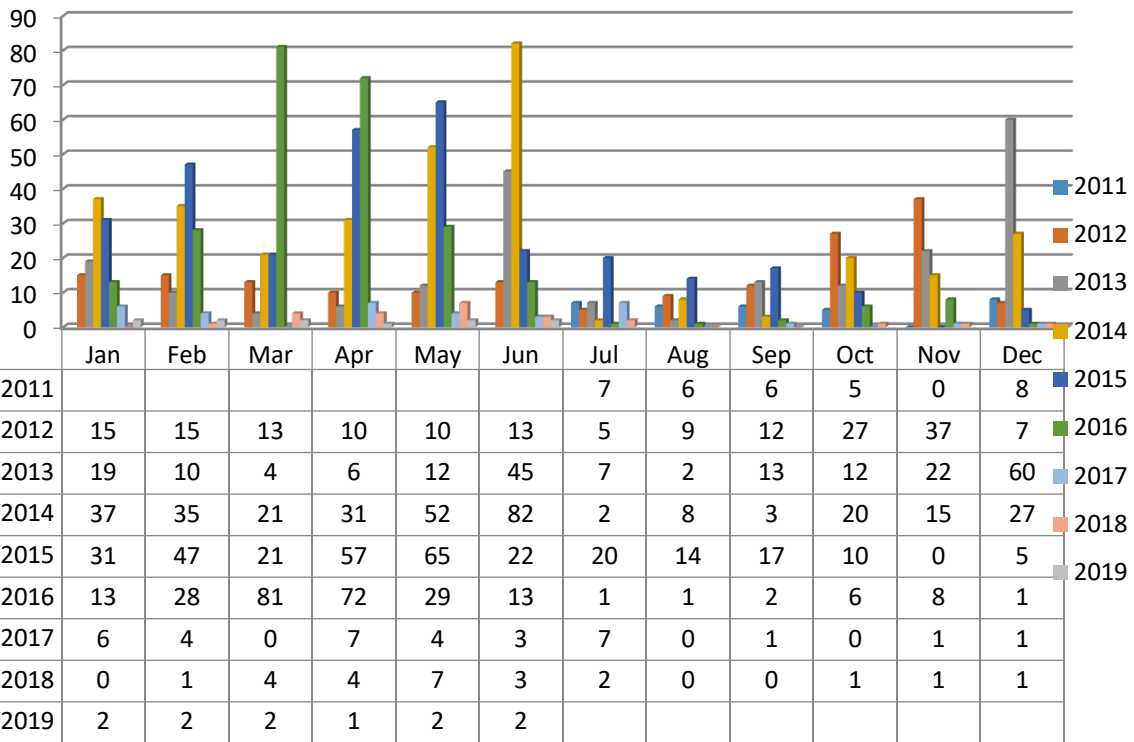
- There were no human rights violations reported by our monitors in Blue Nile state during the month of June 2019.

### Other Incidents

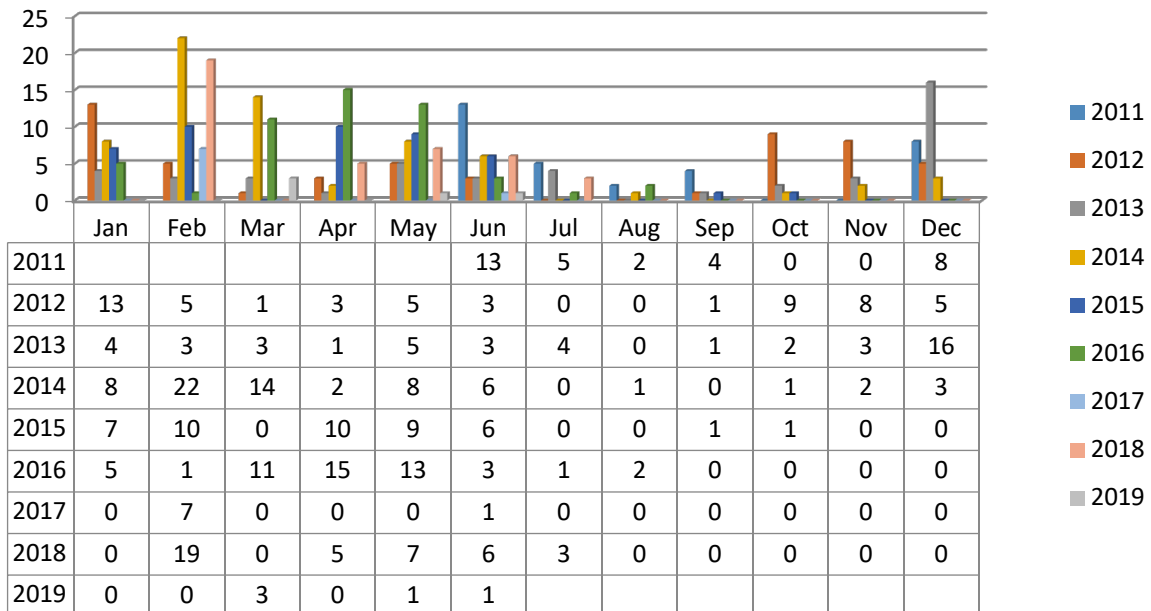
*The incidents in this section have not been linked to SAF or its aligned forces or militias and they are therefore not categorised as human rights incidents committed by the Sudanese government.*

- Our monitors investigated a number of incidents of cattle theft in Heiban, Tobo and Delami counties during the months of May and June, but found no evidence linking them to government authorities.
- **On 20 June 2019, at 12.15pm**, two children from an area controlled by the Sudan government in Delami Town in, came into SPLM/A-N controlled areas in Hawkur village, Sabat Payam, and stole eight goats. While the children were initially undetected, civilians soon recognised the children as thieves and ran after them. According to eyewitnesses, however, the children escaped towards the SAF barracks in Aberi, leaving behind the eight goats. It was not clear whether the children were child soldiers or if they may have been used as proxies by the SAF. This may be the first reported incident where children are used to loot civilians' cattle in the Two Areas since the aerial bombardments stopped in mid-2016.
- A violent inter-communal conflict was reported between the Timen and Kolfan communities in Habila and Dilling counties, **from 16 to 20 April**. The root cause of the conflict is not yet known, but the authorities have instituted a committee to investigate the events. The village of Kalandi was completely burned, leaving hundreds of people displaced. 17 people were killed and 17 were injured, 234 houses were burned down, 300 cows and 176 goats were looted and 9 motorcycles destroyed. These numbers are not included in the statistics below, because the violations are not linked directly to government or aligned forces.
- **On 3 April 2019, at 6.30 noon**, in Yabus Kobri village, Alkurmuk county, a man was killed by an unknown gunman. The victim and his son were coming back from Yabus river after grazing their cattle when a gunman emerged from nearby bushes and shot him to death.

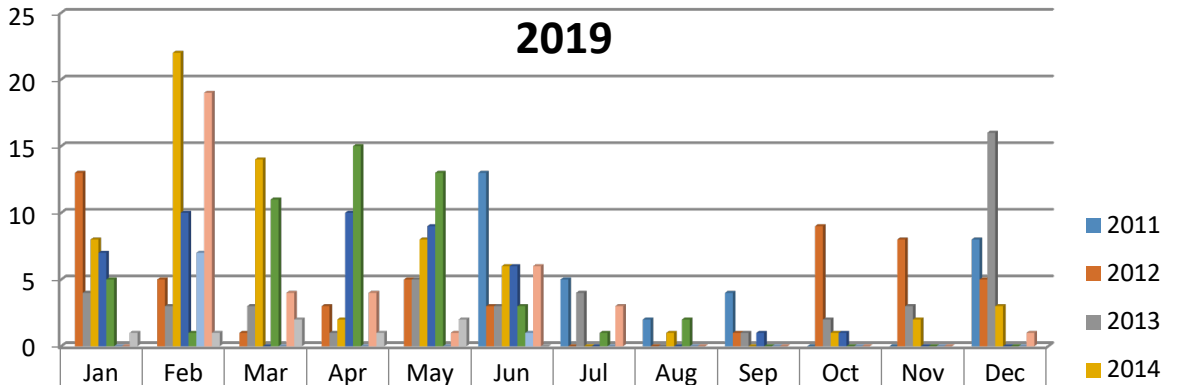
## Number of incidents in SK and BN 2011 -2019



## Number of civilians injured in SK and BN 2011-2019



## Number of civilians killed in SK and BN 2011-2019



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2011						13	5	2	4	0	0	8
2012	13	5	1	3	5	3	0	0	1	9	8	5
2013	4	3	3	1	5	3	4	0	1	2	3	16
2014	8	22	14	2	8	6	0	1	0	1	2	3
2015	7	10	0	10	9	6	0	0	1	1	0	0
2016	5	1	11	15	13	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
2017	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	19	4	4	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	1
2019	1	1	2	1	2	0						