



PRESS STATEMENT

ROBBING OF A CIVILIAN BY PDF SOLDIERS IN HABILLA, SUDAN

On 22nd November 2019, Mr. Mohammed Ishaq was shot on his right leg and the harvest from his garden was looted by eleven (11) armed PDF soldiers who came on camels at Habilla, Nuba Mountains. The case was reported at Habilla police office but the police did not conduct further investigations.

Mr. Mohammed Ishaq Ibrahim is 46 years old and farmer. Habilla is known as an area for agricultural schemes in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains. People Defense Force (PDF) is a government militia. This militia in Nuba Mountains is mostly composed of nomads from the Arab tribes.

On 22nd November 2019, while Mr. Ishaq was at his farm (4km south of Habilla town) harvesting sesame, eleven (11) armed PDF soldiers in PDF uniform came to him while riding camels and ordered him to hand over the harvest. He did not oblige to their request (rejected it) and they subsequently shot him on the right leg and insulted him by calling him a slave. They forcefully loaded seven (7) sacks of his harvest on their camels and burnt (set on fire) the remaining fourteen (14) sacks and then went away.

After some hours, his family members came with an animal cart to load and transport the harvest but, they found him injured and with no harvest. Mr. Ishaq was taken to Habilla hospital where he received treatment. This case/incident was reported and filed at Habilla police station but no further investigations have been carried out not even police visit to the crime scene.

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.
- Sudan government to ensure the safety of people in conflict areas
- Sudan government to dissolve the PDF and disarm them.
- Sudan government to compensate Mr. Ishaq

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