



PRESS STATEMENT

REPEATED ARREST OF MR. EDRISS ELBUR BY RSF IN DAMAZIN, SUDAN

On 27th April 2020, Rapid Support Force (RSF) in Damazin of Blue Nile State re-arrested Mr. Edriss Elbur and detained him at RSF office. He was released the following day after interrogating and torturing him.

On 27th April 2020, Mr. Edriss Elbur was re-arrested from his shop by Rapid Support Force (RSF) soldiers and taken to their office in Damazin town where he was detained and interrogated by RSF Captain/ Gouja. During the process of interrogation, he was beaten/ assaulted by Captain/ Gouja himself. The following day (28th April 2020) Mr. Elbur was released with threats of being re-arrested again.

Mr. Elbur was earlier arrested (on 9th April 2020) by the same RSF in Damazin and released on 11th April 2020. After his release, Mr. Elbur opened a case against RSF base for having arrested him illegally. According to their interrogation, the second arrest was meant to intimidate him so that he drops the case. But, he insisted on following the due course of the law. Mr. Elbur is supported by some volunteer lawyers.

Mr. Edriss Elbur Ahmed is 40 years old, a trader, social and political activist. Damazin is the capital town of Blue Nile State. RSF is a government militia led by Major/ Faiz Balla Ali in Blue Nile State. Major/ Faiz Balla Ali was a locality governor during the regime of former president Al Bashir.

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

- Sudan government to hold to account the RSF commandant in Blue Nile for Mr. Edriss Elbur's arrest and intimidation.
- Sudan government to stop security forces and its militias from violating rights of citizens especially in conflict areas and to ensure rule of law.
- Sudan government to dissolve and disarm all the government militias.

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