

## **Sudan: The continued targeting of Internally Displaced Persons in Darfur Region**

The African Center for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) condemns the violent arbitrary attacks by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and the affiliated Arab militias against Sudanese citizens particularly the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Darfur region. In this release, ACJPS has documented incidents in North, South, and West Darfur States where 11 IDPs including one ACJPS monitor were killed and 15 others were injured.

We call upon the Sudanese authorities to conduct an independent and impartial investigation into the incidents that took place and hold perpetrators to account. We further call upon the warring parties to honor the recently signed Jeddah agreement to facilitate unhindered humanitarian access and agree on ceasefires and other confidence-building measures.

### **North Darfur State**

On 16 December 2023, the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) launched an attack on the Sudanese Army (SAF) headquarters in Elfashir, North Darfur State. The attack started from the northern part of the town slowly advancing to the South where the SAF headquarters are located. This incident led to the injuring 15 IDPs and massive destruction of property due to shelling, within the town in the neighborhoods of Alguba, Al-Salam, and Abu Shook IDP camps. The RSF did not meet any resistance during the attack because there were no troops deployed in the area as they were concentrated around and in the Elfashir market.

Additionally, two IDPs were targeted and killed in the Abu-Shouk IDP camp as they were accused of working/collaborating with RSF.

### **The deceased are:**

1. Ahmed Hussien Mohamed Aboh (m), aged 40 from plot 27 Square 13 in Abu-Shouk IDP camp.
2. Taha Aldoom Ishaq (m), aged 30 from plot 26, Square 13 in Abu-Shouk IDP camp

### **Names of those who sustained Injuries**

1. Yasir Mohamed Ahmed (m) and his three sons from Alguba North. The victims are currently admitted at Elfashir South Hospital
2. Muhi Eldien Yasir Mohamed Ahmed (m), aged 3. Sustained injuries in the stomach and the limb.
3. Ahmed Yasir Mohamed Ahmed (m), aged 7. Sustained injuries in his foot.
4. Amaal Yasir Mohamed Ahmed (f), aged 8. Sustained spinal and foot injuries.
5. Abdul Latif Younis Adam (m), aged 35
6. Ahmed Mohamed (m)
7. Mazah Mohamed (f)
8. Nafatat Yasir Mohamed Ahmed (m), aged 17. Sustained a head injury
9. Hadia Obed Abdallah Adam (f), aged 24.
10. Nidal Bakhit (f), aged 12 from square 4 in Al-Bushook IDP camp
11. Noor Eldien Bashar Haroun (m)

12. Salah Adam Ibrahim (m)

### **South Darfur State**

On 17 August 2023, an ACJPS monitor was shot dead with nine male IDPs by a group of RSF and allied armed Arabs in Kalma camp located in South East of Nyala in South Darfur State.

#### **The victims are:**

1. Ibrahim Adam Musa (m), a businessman and farmer
2. Mujahid Ibrahim Adam Musa (m), a son to Mr. Ibrahim. The two were killed while on their way back from the farm to the camp.
3. Rugia Idris (f)
4. Khadiga Musa (f)
5. Abakar Mohamed Adam (m)
6. Radwan Abdulmajeed (m)
7. Ismail Haroun (m)
8. Suliman Jamal (m)
9. Abdul Salam Zakarya Adam (m)

### **West Darfur State**

On 10 November 2023, at around 11:00 Pm, Mr. Bushara Mko, a community and tribal leader from the Zagawa tribe in Elgenina was shot dead at his home in Alsalam neighborhood in Elgenina by unknown armed men. Mr. Bushara is one of the historical founding members of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM).

#### **Background**

IDPs have been systematically targeted particularly in South Darfur. Violations committed against IDPs range from restrictions of Uh to sexual violations against women and girls, arbitrary arrests to extra-judicial killings. Male IDPs have specifically been targeted at their places of work or while seeking work away from the camp. The IDPs have identified the paramilitary, armed Arabs, and armed gangs as perpetrators of violations against them. ACJPS has previously [reported](#) incidents where 14 females including children from Utash and Kalma IDP camps in South Darfur were sexually violated by men in the uniforms of the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), Arab militia, and unidentified masked men. On 23 December 2023, ACJPS [published](#) a detailed report indicating incidents of continued targeting of IDPs in Zalingei, Central Darfur resulting into the death of 70 IDPs and injuring 114 others.