



DARFUR REGION HAUNTED BY BULLETS

HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Rapid Support Forces (RSF) currently controls four out of five Darfur states. There have been reports of increased human rights violations in areas controlled by the RSF, and ACJPS expresses deep concern for the civilians in these states. In this report, ACJPS documents the violations committed against the civilians in the Darfur region between July and September 2024.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

In West Darfur, the RSF has appointed two “judges” to head the “field Court” established by RSF at the Joint Sudanese Chadian headquarters in West Darfur. The said judges were formerly working as advocates before joining the RSF legal team following the eruption of armed conflict. When the RSF captured and took control of West Darfur, the two advocates relocated there and were shortly appointed as Judges of the field court. One of the advocates is affiliated with an armed Arab group, and in 2021 he was seen with the same group in front of the building in West Darfur where he addressed a crowd shortly before the group attacked Krinding Camp. The other advocate previously worked as a human rights advocate, investigating and advocating against violations committed against the refugees in the Krinding camp. This field court is supported by police officers who joined RSF and the majority of penalties passed by the Court are fines.

DETAILS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS;

Incidents of Arbitrary Arrests

The Rapid Support Forces, the army, and the joint forces have all been identified as perpetrators of hideous violations against civilians such as; arbitrary arrests and incommunicado detention. ACJPS has previously documented facilities that are used as detention centers across the country. Civilians are arrested from their homes, at checkpoints, on the streets while returning to their homes, etc.

On 23 July 2024, at around 02:00 pm, a group of RSF fighters deployed at a checkpoint in Zalingei located North East of Alhasahisa IDP camp in Central Darfur State, arrested Mr. Badur Eldien Ahmed, a 32-year-old IDP and resident of Alhasahisa camp. Mr. Ahmed has been very vocal about the senseless war and often advocated against it. He also expressed his dissatisfaction with the actions of the RSF fighters particularly in Central Darfur State. Mr. Ahmed was taken to premises next to Dinaar School where he was detained for three days. The RSF fighters who arrested him demanded his family for 80,000 Sudanese Pounds for his release and threatened to transfer Mr. Ahmed to the detention center in Alfong and

increase the ransom to 300,000 Sudanese Pounds if they failed to comply. The IDPs at the camp mobilized themselves, collected the money and paid the ransom. Mr. Ahmed was consequently released on 26 July 2024. He shared that while in detention he was physically abused and his hair shaved.

On 20 August 2024, around 11:00 A.m., a group of approximately 15 RSF fighters traveling in two RSF military vehicles arrested Mr. Ismail Yagoup Amir, a 53-year-old member of the Zaghawa tribe. Mr. Yagoup was arrested from his shop in Elgenina bus Station within Nyala city in South Darfur State. The reasons for his arrest are unknown, and his location still remains a mystery to his family and friends.

On 17 July 2024, a group of RSF intelligence officers from the RSF headquarters in Forbranga Town in West Darfur arrested Mr. Mohamed Ali Almahadi, a medical physician who runs a private clinic in Forbranga. A reliable source informed ACJPS that Mr. Mohamed was arrested for offering free medical services to the population and thus wanted to frustrate his work.

On 16 July 2024, seven merchants/businessmen were arrested by RSF in Forbranga and taken to Elgenina in West Darfur where they were detained. Reasons for their arrests were not given and to date, their families are not aware of their whereabouts. Elgenina has been under the control of RSF since 04 November 2023 when the RSF troops took over SAF headquarters in Ardamata locality in Elgenina. Those arrested are;

1. Nooh Ibrahim (m)
2. Jar Elnabi Ismail(m)
3. Taha Hamad (m)
4. Abu Bakar Ishaq (m)
5. Hassan Zakaria (m)
6. Khalid Abbas (m)
7. Yassin Abdul A zeem (m)

In July 2024, four elderly men were arrested by the RSF and detained for two weeks in the Al-Salam South neighborhood. The men had gone to check on their homes and other property that they had left behind after fleeing the neighborhood but were arrested by Captain Abbas Kater. The men disclosed that they were subjected to both physical and psychological torture while in detention.

An assault incident

On 6 August 2024, three armed men (one dressed in RSF uniform) attacked Mr. Abdul Malik Abdallah a 45-year-old IDP from Khamsa Dagig camp in Zalingei, Central Darfur State. He was attacked near Alhasahisa camp while on his way to the Khamsa Dagig camp and beaten up with a stick severely injuring him. Mr. Abdallah was rescued by residents of Alhasahisa camp but he is yet to recover.

Incidents of Sexual Violence

ACJPS has reported at least four cases of sexual violence in Elfashir during the 10 August incidents. All the cases were reported in the southern neighborhoods of Elfashir i.e. in Umm Shajira and El Hijra neighborhoods. Unfortunately, the victims did not receive any medical care or psychological support. All the victims have since fled Elfashir and they sustained injuries during the assault.

Ms. Muna (pseudo name) aged 32, from the Umm Shajira neighborhood in Elfashir, North Darfur testified that “... On 10 August 2024, at 7:00 am while I was still sleeping at home, I heard gunshots, and shortly after, I heard a knock on my door and immediately thought it was one of the militiamen. I opened the door and I was surprised to see three gunmen wearing Rapid Support Forces uniforms with long hair and they were all wearing soksok (a type of jewelry). They said they were looking for mobilizers, soldiers, or any armed men and immediately started searching the house but did not find anyone or any weapon. When they did not find anything in the house, one of them pointed a gun (Kalashnikov) at my head and the other hit me with a gun butt throwing me to the floor. One of the attackers took off my pants and when I resisted, he hit me in the face and said to me, **“You are cooperating and collaborating with the army”**. Another grabbed my hands, and whenever I screamed, they hit me. The third held his gun and threatened to kill me. The three men took turns raping me, several times. I lost consciousness and when I regained my senses, I was alone I felt a sharp pain in my private part and also had severe headache. I remained lying on the ground in pain until I gathered some strength to leave the house. Unfortunately, I could not get far and because I was fairly new in the neighborhood (we had recently moved here from the Al-Wifaq neighborhood near Elfashir power station after the recent events on 10th May) I had no one to run to. A few minutes later, while I was lying under a tree near my house, 5 armed young men came by and asked me if I had seen any RSF fighters. I was very terrified that these men were also going to rape me. But they reassured me that they were youth from the neighborhood...”

There has been an increase in sexual violence cases targeting female children and women aged between 10 and 23 years from the Utash camp in South Darfur due to the lack of security for IDPs. During the period January to September 2024, at least 14 rape cases were reported in Utash camp, 11 of which happened within the camp and three happened outside the camp while the victims were on the way to/from their farms. Because of the legal void created by the armed conflict, the leaders in the Utash IDP camp in Nyala came up with a local justice system. The justice system is based mainly on customary law mainly focused on cases of sexual violence intending to curb the crime. The system was officially established on 25 July 2024, and it is headed by Mr. Hussein Ishaq Jalies. The system is run by a committee comprised of 25 members, 15 of who hold leadership positions in the camp and residents.

The committee mainly uses fines and compensation as a reparation tool for the victims of sexual violence. The system depends on the religious methods of adducing evidence i.e. the suspects are asked to swear by the holy Quran before presenting their defense.

Since July 2024, the committee has presided over two cases of rape. The cases were reported to the committee, suspects were identified and arrested. The cases were adjudicated and one of the perpetrators was ordered to pay a fine of 3,000,000 Sudanese pounds (amounting to approximately 1100 USD) and the other was fined 20,00,0000 Sudanese pounds. The victims were nine- and fourteen-year-old children from the camp.

Shelling incidents

Artillery shelling by the Rapid Support Forces takes place almost daily in residential neighborhoods, service facilities, and markets mainly targeting civilians.

Approximately 775 civilians were wounded and more than 185 were killed during the shelling events in Elfashir in July and August. Most of the deaths and injuries were the result of artillery and rocket launches shelling while a small number succumbed to stray bullets.

Since 10 May 2024 to date, the number of people killed in Elfashir has exceeded 300 while the number of wounded is estimated at 2,170. However, it is difficult to ascertain accurate statistics as many victims do not seek medical attention.

On 31 August 2024, at around 10:00 pm, the Sudanese Armed Forces air bombed Khamsa Dagig IDP camp in Zalingei, Central Darfur. The incident resulted in the killing and injuring of eight IDPs, among them were four people from the same family namely;

1. Noor Eldien Idris (m) aged 22
2. Noor Alsham Hameed Ahmed Khamis (f) aged 20
3. Nadia Hameed Ahmed Khamis (f) aged 18
4. Mohamed Hameed Ahmed Khamis (m) aged 17

Names of those who were wounded

1. Alhadi Elsheikh (m) aged 33
2. Mohamed Hassan (m) aged 17
3. Maryam Hameed Ahmed Khamis (f)

Shelling incident in Melit,

Names of people killed during shelling by SAF in Melit, North Darfur

1. Adam Ibrahim Arabi (m) from Alemtidad Neighborhood
2. Nadir Nasur Eldien (m) from Alemtidad Neighborhood
3. Namah Adomah Ahmed (f) from Kidano village
4. Zahara Fadul Mohamed Abakar (f) from Alemtidad Neighborhood
5. Nasur Eldien Mohamed Mossad (m)
6. Ahmed (m)
7. Sabah Toga
8. Amnah Mohamdeen Ahmed (f) from Dar Elnaeem
9. Mohamed Yagoup(m) from Banamah village

Those who sustained injuries

1. Fatimah Yahya Mahmoud (f) East from Alabsi Neighborhood.
2. Fatimah Yahya Ahmed Yagoup (f) from Alsafa Neighborhood.
3. Um Kalthoum Mohamdeen (f) from Morie Neighborhood.
4. Mohamed Ahmed Ali Ibrahim (m) from Market Neighborhood
5. Mohamed Yahya Abda Adam (m) from Ketab Shkara Neighborhood
6. Hawa Mohamed Abdallah (f) from Alemtidad Neighborhood
7. Esra Mohamed Ibrahim (f) from East North Neighborhood
8. Nadal Ahmed Daw Albite (f) from Algubah Neighborhood
9. Munirah Younis Ali (f) from Algubah Neighborhood
10. Daif Alalh Hussien Alsadiq (m) from Alabasi camp
11. Fatimah Suliman Khatir (f) from Alnasr Neighborhood
12. Salmah Adam Abdallah (f) from Alabasi West Neighborhood
13. Durian Hafiz Hassab Allah (f) from Alwhdah Neighborhood
14. Hawa Abdallah Bosh (f) from Alemtidad Neighborhood
15. Osman Ahmed Sabeel (m) from Aldeam Neighborhood
16. Mohamed Adam Hameed (m)
17. Amna Hameed Ibrahim (f)
18. Salim Bakhit Adam (m) East North Neighborhood
19. Abakar Mohamed Ali (m)
20. Khatra Isa Ahmed (f)
21. Salma Abakar Salih (f)

Attack on Abu Shook IDP camp on 27 August 2024 by RSF

Names of those who were killed;

1. Mohamed Abdul Mula Suliman (m)
2. Algali Ismail (m)
3. Fatima Ahmed Alamin (f)
4. Aamir Adam Tahir
5. Afrah Alhaj Abdallah (f)
6. Safa Abdallah Jebreel (f)
7. Eqbal Adam Tahir (f)
8. Adam Idris (m)
9. Abdallah Isa (m)
10. Drip Ahmed (m)
11. Abdul Raheem Yahya Isa (m)
12. Khadija Isa Abdallah (f)
13. Mahmoud Adam Eltahir (m)

List of those who sustained injuries

1. Abdul Razig Mohamed Ibrahim (m)
2. Hub Eldien Bakhit Mohamed Adam (m)
3. Drip Yahya Abakar (m)
4. Abdallah Mohamed Omer (m)
5. Yousef Hameed Idris (m)
6. Noor Eldien Mohamed Suliman (m)
7. Abdallah Mohamed Omer (m)

8. Noor Eldien Mohamed Suliman (m)
9. Yousef Hameed Idris (m)
10. Adam Salih Musa (m)
11. Shaikh Eldien Ismail Abdallah (m)
12. Abdul Mula Ibrahim Babkir (m)
13. Najm Eldien Shogar Mohamed (m)
14. Ahmed Mohamed Yagoup (m)
15. Eltyeb Mohamed Yahya (m)
16. Amani Isa Bakhit (f)
17. Faisal Adam (m)

On 4 September 2024, the SAF Airforce Unit aerial bombed the Kafout village located 42 kilometers west of Elfashir in North Darfur State. Although there were no casualties reported, many properties were destroyed.

On 6 September 2024, SAF Airforce bombarded Eldien Hospital in East Darfur State consequently killing Mr. Sabeel Ibrahim Adam a volunteer at the hospital, and injuries several others.

On 9 September 2024, at around 09:00 AM, the SAF Airforce launched an attack targeting Alguba and Almatar neighborhoods in Eldien, East Darfur State killing at least five civilians while five others were wounded.

Those who were killed are;

1. Radwan Abdul Majeed (m)
2. Suliman Aldai (m)
3. Alzina Haroun (f)
4. Khalifa Hameed (m)

Those who sustained injuries;

1. Kaltouma Ishaq Hilal (f)
2. Mutaz Aljameel (m)
3. Abdul Basit Daoud (m)
4. Alnoor Hamdan (m)
5. Alaa Eldien Albashir (m)

Theft and Looting incidents

On 12 August 2024, a group of approximately 14 Armed Arab men dressed in plain/casual clothes driving two land cruiser vehicles and one pickup raided a house belonging to one Mr. Yagoup Khamis. Mr. Khamis is the chairperson of the National Umma Party in Central Darfur. The raiders stole Mr. Khamis' Toyota Hilux pickup truck model 2018 that was parked at his home. They spent more than three hours fixing the car tyres before driving it away.

In another separate incident, on 20 August 2024, Mr. Abdul Salam Ahmed a 40-year-old businessman was attacked from his home in the North Elslam neighborhood. Mr. Abdul owns a produce shop at Elgenina bus Station in Nyala. On that fateful day, his house was

raided by four armed masked men who put Mr. Abdul at gunpoint and stole 3,000,000 Sudanese Pounds (amounting to approximately 13,500 USD).

Extrajudicial Killings

A mass grave containing 17 bodies was discovered in Mellit, an area controlled by the Rapid Support Forces. It is alleged that an RSF lieutenant called Mishaal (from the Al-Zayadiya tribe) is responsible for killing 17 young men. Lieutenant Mishaal has been accused of committing several violations in Mellit for example, he was responsible for arresting a young man called Abdulrahman for having video evidence of him killing Mr. Ali Yaqoub in Elfashir. When Mr. Abdulrahman's brother started searching for him, he too was arrested. The two brothers have since disappeared without a trace. Some members of the community then filed a missing person's report with the Rapid Support Forces and disclosed that the last time the two brothers were seen, was during their arrests by Lieutenant Mishaal. RSF conducted an investigation and arrested Lt. Mishaal. Following his arrest, he confessed to killing the two brothers and burying them. Another investigation was conducted into the murder case and it was discovered that the two brothers had been murdered and buried in a mass grave. Lieutenant Mishaal later confessed to killing and burying them all, along with his assistants. This discovery has since raised tension in Mellit and may result in inter-tribal conflict within the RSF and the community.

ACJPS has noticed the systematic attacks of civilians belonging to tribes that are accused of being loyal to the national army (SAF) in Nyala by RSF.

On 24 August 2024, at around 02:00 pm, 37-year-old Babkir Abakar Logman was shot while he was riding a Tuk-Tuk with his two brothers in the Dankog area. The three men were headed to Koja market within the Abata administration in Central Darfur State when they were shot at by two armed Arab men riding on a motorcycle. The assailants also robbed the brothers of their money before fleeing. Mr. Babkir succumbed to the gunshot wounds and was later buried in Dankog.

On June 12, 2024, three businessmen from the Fur tribe in Nyala town, South Darfur were killed at their home in the West Elsalam neighborhood by three unidentified armed men wearing RSF uniforms.

The deceased are;

1. Abakar Ibrahim (m)
2. Jamal Ibrahim (m)
3. Aldoma Eltahir (m)

Kidnap and Abductions

On 16 August 2024, an armed group dressed in RSF uniform and some in plain clothes, driving seven land cruiser military vehicles and Toyota pickups without number plates abducted 13 farmers from the Abu Delig area at gunpoint. The victims were kidnapped

from different villages in Mukjar and Khazan Jaded areas in North Darfur. The abductees were taken to Nyala in South Darfur and Eldien in East Darfur. The reasons/motive for the abduction is yet to be known as the kidnappers have not demanded ransom.

ACJPS talked to one Ahmed (not real name) a brother to one of the victims and he had this to say “... *the victims were abducted from different farms within the area by a group of armed Arabs dressed in RSF uniform and others in casual clothes. The kidnappers were driving Toyota pickup and land cruiser vehicles. During the kidnap, several other farmers were beaten and severely injured. The majority of the people in this area had earlier fled to Zaman Camp in Elfashir but had recently returned to the farm during the rainy session. Some relatives of the abductees say that the RSF accused some members of the Zaghawa tribe of stealing their camels thus abducting the victims...*”

Efforts made by the community to have their abductees released have proved futile. Many continue living in fear and anguish.

The abductees are;

1. Jad Allah Hameed Fadul (m) 56 years old. A Community leader in Moro village
2. Abdul Aziz Kharir Kharif (m) aged from Eid Bidah
3. Jedi Moro Bakur aged 40 from Moro village
4. Mohamed Logam Madibo (m) 45 years old from Moro village
5. Hamid Ahmed Jazeem (m) aged 50 from Eid Bidah
6. Simon Abakar Jazem (m) aged 57 from Eid Bidah village
7. Ali Jalabh Bako (m) aged 60 from Eis Bidah
8. Mohamed Bakhit Arbab (m) aged 59 from Elfashir
9. Mohamed Abdul Kareem Juma (m) from Moro village
10. Ali Jalabah (m) aged 34 from Um hajalid Village
11. Idris Ali Khatir (m) aged 31 from Elfashir
12. Sadam Adam Haroun (m) aged 22 of old from Abu Delig
13. Abdallah Yagoup Adam (m) aged 36 from Moro village

Targeting of hospitals and health facilities

80% of hospitals and health facilities in Darfur are non-functional due to the shelling by the Rapid Support Forces. With a shortage of medicines, medical equipment, and medical personnel, the population has been left for dead. Preventable diseases such as malaria, cholera, and typhoid are on the rise. With the deteriorating humanitarian situation and the collapsed health system, it is difficult to control epidemics if they occur.

These health facilities were directly hit by artillery, which led to the destruction of buildings and damaged equipment and stored medicines. These attacks also resulted in the death of medical staff, patients, and caretakers inside these facilities. They include;

1. Elfashir South Emergency Hospital
2. Abdul Salam Diabetes Center
3. Haj Awad Allah Health Center
4. Al-Salam Center (run by Sudo)
5. Kidney Dialysis Center

6. Immunization Center
7. School of Medicine Hospital,
8. Sultan Health Center
9. Al-Zahraa Center
10. Children's Hospital
11. Babiker Nahar Hospital.

Hospitals and health facilities that were partially destroyed include:

1. Al-Saudi Hospital,
2. Tambasi Health Center, Sayed
3. Al-Shuhada Health Center.

Private hospitals and medical centers were not spared either. Those that were destroyed are;

1. Nabd Al Hayat Hospital,
2. Iqra Hospital and
3. Jebel Marra Medical Complex.

Targeting of markets

Al Salam Market was closed following a shelling attack by the Rapid Support Forces. The incident resulted in four deaths and seven others sustained injuries. The Rapid Support Forces then proceeded to shell the AL souq Alkaber Market striking it with drones consequently destroying shops, restaurants, and vehicles within the market and the main streets. The incident also led to nine deaths while 30 civilians were wounded.

The mawashi Market was shelled twice in August 2024 leading to the death of approximately 18 civilians and wounding 67 others. The shelling targeted vegetable shops and crowded places such as shops and cafes. The Mawashi Market is the only functional market from which the residents of Elfashir City buy their necessities.

Umm Dafso Market was severally attacked leading to its closure. During these attacks, 14 people lost their lives while 23 others were severely injured.

Targeting of Places of worship

Mosques have been targeted as they host a large number of civilians. Several mosques have either been partially or destroyed by shelling attacks. Some of these include;

- Al-Nour Salafi Mosque (Abdullah Yaqoub),
- Al-Fasher Alkaber Mosque

Food crisis and famine

In Elfashir, the food shortages and the scarcity of some food items in the market have been largely attributed to the siege. The RSF has barred all commercial vehicles from accessing the city. This has caused the traders in the city to increase prices of commodities to the

disadvantage of the residents. The food crisis has led to malnutrition in children and the elderly. There is a need for urgent intervention to save civilians from famine due to the siege.

Statistics Internally displaced persons in North Darfur (after 15th April 2023)

Locality	Total No. of House Holds	Total No. of Individuals
El Fasher	70929	354,648
Al Koma	2062	10,310
Al lait	1797	8,985
Al Malha	1266	6,330
A Series	2660	13,300
At Tawisha	189	1,945
At Tina	157	785
Dar As-Salam	15811	79,056
Kabkabia	3711	18,555
Kelemando	2452	12,264
Kernoi	546	2,730
Kutum	24223	121,118
Melit	6455	32,275
Saraf Omra	12932	64,660
Tawila	39073	195,367
Um Baru	908	4,540
Um Kadadah	7745	38,725
Grand Total	192,916	965,593

IDPs in Zamzam camp

Old IDPs		New IDPs	
House Holds	Individuals	House Holds	Individuals
73000	295000	28518	142595