



## **Sudan: Three civilians arbitrarily arrested and detained by the Joint Forces and RSF in Blue Nile and South Darfur**

**(04 February 2025)** The African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) expresses deep concern for the safety and well-being of three civilians who have been arrested and detained incommunicado in the Blue Nile and South Darfur states, including one held in an undisclosed location. The lack of access for lawyers and family members to the detainees, combined with the well-documented use of torture and other forms of ill-treatment against detainees by the warring parties, especially while held in unknown locations, raises serious concerns for their safety. One of the victims was arrested by a security unit affiliated with the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), while the other two were apprehended by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

### ***Incident in Blue Nile state***

On 20 January 2025, joint forces, locally known as Alkhalia, arrested 43-year-old Jamal Aldien Almanjulk at his home in the Alzhour neighborhood of Aldamazien, Blue Nile state. Mr. Jamal works in the Land Affairs Division of the Ministry of Urban Planning. Following his arrest, he was taken to Division 14 of the Sudanese Armed Forces in Aldamazien, where he is still being held. While the reasons for his arrest have never been disclosed, reliable sources informed ACJPS that Mr. Jamal was accused of collaborating with his cousin, Mr. Mustafa Abu Gaid. Mr. Abu Gaid has conducted several social media campaigns advocating for the release and/or disclosure of his father's whereabouts. Mr. Abu Gaid's father was an officer with the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement-Northern Sector (SPLM/N) under the command of Gen. Malik. He disappeared in 2016, and since then, Mr. Abu Gaid has published multiple articles and social media posts accusing various individuals of being involved in his father's disappearance. For instance, in one of his publications, he accused Gen. Ahmed Alomdah, the governor of Blue Nile, of concealing information about his father's disappearance case.

The source continued to say that Mr. Abu Gaid lives in the diaspora and manages his social media campaigns outside Sudan. Mr. Jamal, who works for the government in Blue Nile, is accused of being his ears in Sudan and leaking government information.

### ***Similar incidents in South Darfur state***

On 23 January 2025, around 5:00 pm, a group of three Rapid Support Forces (RSF) officers in South Darfur State arrested Mr. Ahmed Adam Badur on allegations of his affiliation with the

Sudanese Armed Forces. Mr. Adam was taken from his home in the Alnahda neighborhood of Nyala to the former land affairs registry offices in Central Nyala, where he is currently detained. During the arrest, Mr. Adam was physically assaulted and beaten with gun butts.

On 25 January 2025, RSF arrested Mr. Hassab Elnabi Mohamed at his workplace in Almuashi Market in Nyala on allegations of collaborating with SAF. Mr. Hassab was taken to an unknown location, and his whereabouts remain a mystery.

### **Recommendations**

- √ We call upon the warring parties to guarantee the safety of the three detainees, grant them immediate and unequivocal access to their lawyers and family members, and release them without valid legal charges consistent with international standards.
- √ We reiterate our appeals to the warring parties to refrain from arbitrarily arresting and detaining civilians on allegations of collaborating with the opposing party based on street whispers.
- √ We further call upon the warring parties to inform their family members of the whereabouts of those held incommunicado in ungazetted detention centers.
- √ We also urge the Sudanese authorities to conduct an independent and impartial investigation into the arbitrary arrests of civilians and hold those responsible accountable.