



### **North Darfur: The RSF Must Urgently Account for the Indiscriminate Killings and Injuring of Zamzam Camp IDPs in El-Fashir**

The African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) continues to strongly condemn the indiscriminate killings and injuring of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) residing in the Zamzam IDP camp by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), a party in the ongoing armed conflict in Sudan. We reiterate our calls for swift accountability for the arbitrary killings and injuries and for the provision of adequate and timely reparations to victims and their families. The belligerents must ensure that all civilians, especially IDPs, are guaranteed all their inherent rights by upholding regional and international human rights treaties ratified by Sudan. Finally, Sudanese authorities must genuinely and tangibly prioritize justice, accountability, and redress for all human rights violations committed in Sudan, including those perpetrated by national security forces.

The Zamzam IDP camp is located west of El Fashir City, the capital of North Darfur State in Sudan, which has undergone several failed attempts by the RSF to capture it since May 2023. It is the largest IDP camp in El Fashir, hosting approximately 600,000 IDPs who fled from various regions of Sudan following the outbreak of the ongoing conflict in April 2023 between the RSF and the Sudanese Armed Forces over a power struggle. The first attack on the camp by the RSF militias was launched around 2023. Since then, there have been multiple further attacks, including a shelling incident on 16 December 2024, followed by another attack on 11 January 2025, both resulting in seven and 17 fatalities, respectively, and several injuries.

In a very recent incident, on 11 February 2025, around midnight, RSF troops launched another attack on the ZamZam IDP camp after leaving their base at Gauz Bida, located roughly 20 kilometers from the camp. They arrived in approximately 50 military vehicles, attacking the camp from the southwest while randomly firing bullets into the air. This attack quickly advanced through the rest of the area before the troops set the camp market ablaze.

The civilians, primarily IDPs, fled to the western part of the camp, where it was relatively safe. Unfortunately, however, at least five people were killed while eight others sustained injuries, and eight more have remained unaccounted for since the attack. Those with minor injuries received first aid, while those with severe injuries were unable to access medical attention because the nearby Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)-run clinic was non-functional. Shortly after the incident, MSF issued a statement stating, *“MSF’s field hospital in Zamzam is not well-equipped to handle trauma injuries that necessitate surgical operations. Moreover, the current situation prevents the referral of critically injured patients to the nearby Saudi hospital in El Fashir due to heavy gunfire*

*along the way...".* An ACJPS on-ground monitor later informed us that the victims of the incident who needed surgery remained in the camp without help, desperately hoping that aid would come their way.

The next day, on February 12, 2025, at approximately 6:00 AM, RSF troops launched another attack on the ZamZam IDP camp from the same direction as the February 11th attack, crossing the already burned market. They continued to set fire to the remaining market structures and nearby shelters, burning them down too. This time, however, the attack was countered by a group of youths and joint forces comprising the Sudanese Armed Forces and Darfur Rebel forces under the umbrella of the Sudanese Liberation Army (SLA). The youth group received support from the Sudanese Armed Forces' Air Force unit, which intervened and effectively defeated the RSF, bringing the gunfight to a close at around 10:00 AM. This incident resulted in nine fatalities and 18 injuries.

As a background, the Zamzam IDP camp was established in 2003 to host internally displaced persons from various states in the Darfur region in the aftermath of the crisis between the Sudanese Armed Forces and a local militia known as the Janjaweed, which later transformed into the Border Guard Unit and is now known as the RSF. Most of the camp's residents are from the Zagawa tribe, along with several other groups that fled from areas such as Khazan Kadeed, Tawilla, Abu Delig, Abu Zeroqa, Tabit, and Koligi localities, which have now been occupied by new settlers since 2013 due to the displacement of residents to Zamzam camp. Initially, the camp accommodated around 250,000 residents at the outbreak of the current armed conflict, but that number has since grown as more people escaped El Fashir City to Zamzam for safety. The camp has also become an exit point for areas under SLA-Abdul Wahid Noor control, such as Jabal Marra and Khazan Jadeed.

#### **Names of IDPs killed in the 11th January 2025 attack.**

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| 1. Amiea Abdul Kareem Adam Abakar (f), aged 17 | 7. Samira Taj Eldien Hameed Matter (m), aged 32.    | 13. Aisha Ali Abu Albashar (f), aged 35.      |
| 2. Abdu Azeem Adam Abdul Kareem (m), aged 53.  | 8. Sabeel Abdallah Noor Eldien Hassan (m), aged 65. | 14. Mubarak Shawa Shreef Shatta (m), aged 37. |
| 3. Adam Ali Mohamed Adam (m), aged 60.         | 9. Joseph Attak Maak Maak (m)                       | 15. Daraq Ali Mohamed Daoud (m), aged 25.     |
| 4. SsalahDoud Arko Jali (m), aged 20.          | 10. Nada Anour Mohamed Salih (m), aged 17.          | 16. Mubarak Ibrahim Wadi (m)                  |
| 5. Mubarak Ahmed Dafallah Emam (m), aged 33.   | 11. Jamal Noor Eldien Abdallah Wadi (m), aged 13.   | 17. A dull Albagi Zakaria Kuku (m)            |
| 6. Amier Suliman Shareef Emam (m), aged 34.    | 12. Yassen Mohamed Mahmoud Isa (m), aged 27.        |   |

**Names of those who sustained injuries in the same attack.**

1. Noor Eldien Adam Hamed (m), aged 22.
2. Faisal Ismail Ishaq Mohamed(m), aged 25.
3. Shazali Mubarak Idris Sabeel (m), aged 35.
4. Mohamed Abdul Rahman Fadul (m), aged 42.
5. Mohamed Ahmed Abdul Allah Khalil (m), aged 21.
6. Gudwah Hamdi Adam Abdallah (m), aged 21.
7. Mohamed Busharah Shareef (m), aged 26.
8. Azahir Mohamed Abakar Adam (m), aged 19.
9. Mohamed Ishaq Juma Abdallah (m), aged 40.
10. Adam Hameed Bush (m), aged 74.
11. Alhaj Abu Gasim Mohamed Ibrahim (m), aged 21.
12. Aidah Mohamed SulimanOsman (m)
13. Abdallah Abdul Rahman Ahmed Abdul Aziz (m), aged 20.
14. Abdul Hafeez Abraham Abdalla (m), aged 30.
15. Zakaria Omer Abdul Rasoul (m), aged 62
16. MohamedMawia Idris Abdul Wahab (m), aged 15.
17. Noor Eldien Yahya Mohamed (m), aged 25.
18. Khuater Mohamed Yagoup Ahmed (f), aged 32,
19. Adam Salih Abdallah Shareef (m), aged 54.
20. Jedo Suliman Shareef Emam (m), aged 32.
21. Nadiah Hameed Ibrahim (f), aged 28.
22. Abdul Alaal Haroun Yagoup (m), aged 50.
23. Mohamed Abdul Rahman Abdul Kareem Shata (m)
24. Nasur Eldien Mohamed Khalifa Hassan (m), aged 28.
25. AbdallaAbdallah Ahmed Mohamed (m)
26. Atif Jugndi Osman Arbab (m), aged 13.
27. Rufuda Ahmed Mohamed Wadi (m), aged 14.
28. Ayman Adam Mustafa Fadul (m), aged 43.
29. Adam Musa Ahmed Noman (m), aged 27.
30. Youseh Mohamed Idris (m), aged 42.
31. Khalid Abdul Rahman Zakarya (m)
32. Sabah Abakar Suliman (f), aged 29.
33. Hassan Mandi Isa (m), aged 7.
34. Maryam Yagouo Isa Ali (f), aged 30 .
35. Sidiq Adam Mohamed (m), aged 28.
36. Mohamed Ibrahim Adam Ahmed (m), aged 32.
37. Ramadan Abdul Rahman Haroun (m), aged 46.
38. Mohamed USA Adam Ali (m), 16 months
39. Suliman Salih Shareef (m), aged 49.
40. Dabo Salih Mohamed Balola (m), aged 50.
41. Suliman Salih Shareef (m), aged 49.
42. Harry Adam (m), aged 49

**Names of death victims of the 16 December 2024 attack.**

1. Nabil Ismail Masour (f)
2. Safari Abdul Rahman Hamid (f)
3. Retal MohaAlfatoh (f)
4. Ahmed Mohamed Alfatih (f)
5. Rahiq Mohamed Alfatih (f)
6. Yageen Isam Mohamed (f)
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Ms. Abdul Rahman Hameed was the only documented victim who suffered injury (s).