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KILLING AND ASSAULTING OF RESIDENTS BY SAF IN HAGAR JAWAD/ SUDAN

On 14th May 2017, a group of militia headed by SAF commander named lieutenant colonel/ Suliman Al-Baesh came to Hagar Jawad village on five pickup vehicles. On arrival, they started to beat/ whipping the residents randomly (regardless to age or gender). As a result, one person/ Suliman Abukalam died, about thirty people were injured and peoples' valuable items were looted. All this happened because some residents are accused of allying to SPLA-N.

The location of Hagar Jawad village is 25 km south of Dilling along the main road between Dilling and Kadogli in South Kordufan. The population of this village is approximately eight thousand (8000) people and they are mainly Gholfan tribe of Nuba.

Usually, the militia troops from Dilling and Kadogli patrol the streets twice a day in order to secure the road. On 13th May 2017, the day before the incident, the troops met a man on motorbike and they chased him up to Hagar Jawad where he left his motorbike and hid. The troop confiscated the motorbike and accused the residents of hiding the suspected person. The second day the troop came from Dilling and attacked the residents after warning them a day before.

One of the victims informed HUDO that, *"the killed person (deceased) was a disabled man (mentally retard) whose job was to sell water. Before being killed, he first resisted the soldiers' action by fighting them and he was subsequently shot"*.

HUDO Centre is very much concerned about the security of civilians in conflict areas and calls upon;

- Sudan government
 - To conduct genuine investigations about the incident holds those responsible to account.
 - To ensure that there is rule of law and safety of the civilians.
 - To prevent re-occurrence of such incidents.
 - To compensate the victims.
- The international embassies in Sudan to put more pressure on Sudan government in order to conduct the investigation.

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