



URGENT APPEAL

THE JSC ARRESTED TWO YOUTHS IN GANEES, SUDAN

On 29th and 31st July 2025, the Joint Security Cell (JSC) arrested Mr. Abu-Obeida Sharaf-Eldin and Mr. Almutasim-Billah Khaleifa from Ganees for unknown reasons. They are holding them incommunicado at JSC cells which raised fear that they could be undergoing torture.

On 29th July 2025, Mr. Abu-Obeida Sharaf-Eldin was arrested by the JSC soldiers from his house in Ganees and taken to unknown place. The JSC soldiers did not reveal a reason for the arrest.

On 31st July 2025, Mr. Almutasim-Billah Khaleifa Taha was also arrested by JSC soldiers from his house in Ganees. He was taken to unknown place and no reason was given for the arrest.

HUDO Centre was reliably informed that the two youth are held at the JSC cells in Damazin city. That the cell is in a poor state (small, crowded and with no ventilation) with little supply of food and water.

An activist in Damazin informed HUDO Centre that, he believes that Abu-Obeida was arrested for political reasons since he is accused to be affiliated to The Civilian Democratic Alliance of Revolutionary Forces (SOMOUD) and that Mr. Almutasim could have been arrested because he wrote an article (on his [Facebook page](#)) expressing his solidarity with Abu-Obeida.

HUDO Centre is concerned about the safety of civilians in Sudan during this difficult period of fighting between SAF and RSF and calls for the following:

- The JSC in Blue Nile State to immediately and unconditionally release the two arrested youths and any other detainees or send them to the courts of law.
- The security committee in Blue Nile State to investigate the circumstances that led to this arrest and make the report public.
- The JSC in Blue Nile State to stop arresting civilians arbitrarily.



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Additional information:

Mr. Abu-Obeida Sharaf-Eldin (27 years old) is self-employed.

Mr. Almutasim-Billah Khaleifa Taha (22 years old) is a university student. He suffers from sickle cell anaemia.

The Civilian Democratic Alliance of Revolutionary Forces (SOMOUD) headed by Dr. Abdalla Hamdoug (the prime minister during the transitional period). It was formed in February 2025 immediately after dissolving The Sudanese Coordination of Civil Democratic Forces (TAGADUM). SOMOUD is a pro-Civilian coalition opposing the Sudanese Armed Force's vision around the ongoing war.

Damazin is the capital of Blue Nile State and Ganees is small town in the same state near Damazin.

Since June 2024, the security committee in Blue Nile State established a unit and named it Joint Security Cell (JSC). This unit consists of SAF- MI, GIS, police, SPLA-N (Agar faction) and the militia affiliated to the religion of Islam. Currently, this unit or cell is responsible and leads in the arrest operations (campaign). The JSC unit uses Roseries dam building in Damazin town as a detention centre. This detention centre is managed by SPLA-N (Agar) and the Islamic militia. The detention centre is in a poor situation (congested with more than fifty persons in a room of less than 20 metres square) and they serve detainees with little food and water (one litre per day). Currently some of the detainees have been there for more than five (5) months and others are underage.

JSC is responsible for the arrest of many activists in Blue Nile State, for instance:

On 1st June 2025, the Joint Security Cell (JSC) soldiers in Roseries arrested Dr. Hassan from his house in Roseries without giving a reason. He was held incommunicado up to his release on 6th June 2025.

On 6th April 2025, the JSC in Damazin arrested Mr. Fateh-Elrahman Mohammed Ahmed Abdalla (known as Jagdool Abu-Murtada) from his house without giving a reason. He was held incommunicado and tortured up to his release on 30th April 2025.

On 19th January 2025, the JSC in Damazin arrested Mr. Jamal-Eldin Mohammed Ali Ibrahim (commonly known as Jamal Wad Elradya). They arrested him from his house without giving a reason. They released him on 6th March 2025 after holding him incommunicado at JSC custody at Roseries dam building in Damazin town.

The violated rights: Personal freedom

- Article 46 of the Constitutional Document 2019.
- Article 6 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.
- Article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- Article 9 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.