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URGENT APPEAL

SECURITY ORGANS ARRESTED TWELVE YOUTHS IN TALODI, SUDAN

Between 7th and 11th November 2025, Joint Security Cell (JSC) in co-ordination with the police arrested twelve (12) youth in Talodi under unclear charges. They were held incommunicado at police cells in Talodi before being deported to Abu-Jibaiha military garrison. This raised concerns that they could be subjected to torture.

On 7th November 2025, soldiers from Joint Security Cell (JSC) in Talodi arrested twelve (12) persons from their homes and took them to the JSC office where they were interrogated about their political affiliations. Thereafter, nine (9) of them were released but their smart phones were confiscated. The other three (3) remained in detention because of their past relationships to SPLM-N (having a relative or friend with SPLA-N).

On 11th November 2025, the nine (9) youth who were earlier released were arrested again. The arrest was conducted by police in collaboration with the JSC. During the arrest, police did not show warrant note, did not inform them about the charges or allow their family and lawyers to meet them. Afterwards, the youth were charged under article 69. The other three (3) who remained in cells before were also charged under articles 51 and 63 of Sudan Criminal Code 1991.

On 18th and 19th November 2025, the youth were briefly interrogated at the JSC offices (not police office) and on 20th November 2025, they were transferred to Abu-Jibaiha where they currently detained incommunicado at Sudan Armed Force (SAF) garrison in the town.

An activist in Talodi informed HUDO Centre that; *"I believe the arrest is related to Talodi's dwellers in opposing the use of the cyanide/ mercury in gold mining sector which affected the people, animals and the environment"*.

HUDO Centre is concerned about the safety of civilians in Sudan during this difficult period of fighting between SAF and RSF. The fighting is going on alongside the un-regulated gold mining activities. HUDO Centre calls for the following:

- The JSC/ police in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains to unconditionally release the arrested youth or take them to the courts of law.
- The head of security committee (the governor) in South Kordufan State to investigate the circumstances behind this arrest and make the findings public.
- The JSC to stop targeting and arresting civilians.
- Sudan government to respect the rights of civilians.



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Additional Information:

Talodi and Abu-Jibaiha are the main towns in the eastern region of South Kordofan State/Nuba Mountains. Currently, the head of security organs (SAF and GIS) and other civic authorities like judiciary for the eastern region are based in Abu-Jibaiha which implies that Talodi is under the same jurisdiction.

Talodi is one of the areas in South Kordofan with gold mines (more than six). These gold mines have been active for about two decades. However, in recent years, a new mining site was opened and Talodi citizen have been accusing the mine companies of using cyanide and mercury without taking the necessary precautionary measures. The such unregulated mining activities caused the immediate death of cattle and sheep that drink from the water in this location. Subsequently, on 22nd October 2025 Talodi residents marched to the mining site, demolished and burned the assets at the location which put the gold mining activities at a standstill. Most of the activists believe that, these arrests were linked to protest incidents. However, none of the detainees had participated in the strike/protest.

The names of the arrested people are (all of them are civilians): Eisa Hamad Ahmed (47 years), Mohammed Almustafa Osman (30 years), Shawgei Elamein Kalool (32 years), Khalid Omer Hussein (44 years), Tariq Abdalla Abu-Faida (28 years), Mugadam Abduelrahman (33 years), Jamal Hussein Abduelraheem (30 years), Elhaj Shantu (43 years), Omer Sharaf-Eldin (37 years), Nasr-Eldin Abdalla Elteгани, Goja Sharaf-Eldin (63 years) and Sabir Haraz (33 years).

The accusation Articles are:

Article (51): Waging War Against the State

Article (63): Calling for Opposition to Public Authority by Use of Violence or Criminal Force

Article (69): Disturbance of Public Peace

Rights Violated: Personal Freedom & privacy interference

- Articles 46 & 55 of the 2019 Constitutional Document.
- Article 6 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.
- Articles 9 & 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- Articles 9 & 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.