



10th October 2017

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COURT TRIAL OF AL-SANADRA CASE

The third (3rd) court session was conducted on 3rd October 2017 before Justice/ Abdeen Hamad Dhahi at Khartoum north court and all parties were present except one defendant from who attended the previous session. The judge adjourned court to 18th October 2017

Summary of the court session

On 3rd October 2017, the court session started at 12:30 PM before Justice Abdeen Hamad Dhahi. It was attended by the prosecutor Mr. Mohamed Alsafi, the victims' lawyers (accusation panel) led by Mr. Baroud, the defendants' lawyers led by Mr. Amir, the military's legal consultant, the defendants and the general public including activists and journalists.

In attendance also was Mr. Yasir Mohammed Ahmed an official from the legal aid department under the ministry of justice to defend the juvenile (underage) defendant-Hassan Ramadan, 14 years old. But another lawyer Mr. Abu-Algasim Mohammed Ahmed showed up as a family lawyer to represent the accused juvenile.

The court session started with registration of defendants as the list from the investigator's minutes indicate below;

1. Hassan Ismail Ramadan, 14 years old, illiterate and a resident of Al-Abbasiya town.
2. Ahmed Jazim Hamid Gebreil, 34 years old, married, resident of Al-Abbasiya town and a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF).
3. Saied Abdalla Al-Saied Mustafa, 30 years old, married, resident of Al-Abbasiya town and Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) soldier.
4. Ahmed Al-Tayeb Al-Zain Al-khair, 38 years old, married, illiterate, resident of Al-Abbasiya town and a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF).
5. Al-sadiq Mohammed Rahma, 45 years old, married, illiterate, resident of Al-Abbasiya town and a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF).
6. Bardab Mohammed Abakar, 30 years old, married, illiterate, resident of Al-Mowaileh village, farmer/cultivator and a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF).



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7. Osman Mohammed Osman Abdurrahman, 40 years old, married, illiterate, resident of Al-Mowaileh village and a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF).
8. Alhadi Abdelrahman Ibrahim Almahti, 34 years old, married, illiterate resident of Al-Abbasiya town and a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF).
9. Ahmed Abdelgadir Salah Mohammed, 38 years old, married, illiterate, resident of Al-Abbasiya town and a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF).
10. Abdelraheem Abdelgadir Salah Mohammed, 22 years old, illiterate, resident of Almasan village and member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF).
11. Alzaki Saleh Alzaki Mohammed, 40 years old, married, illiterate, resident of Al-Abbasiya town and a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF).
12. Hamid Almanzol Ahmed Hamouda, 39 years old, married, resident of Rashad and employed with ministry of agriculture.
13. Abakar Fadelmowla Suliman, 45 years old, married, a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF) and a farmer/cultivator.
14. Saleh Ibrahim Elamein Mohammed, 25 years old, married, illiterate and a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF).
15. Mohammed Nasreldin Daoud, 27 years old, married, illiterate, a member of Popular Defense Forces (PDF) and a trader.

The victims' lawyer Mr. Baroud objected and informed court that *"The military court/judiciary did not implement the court order of detaining all the defendants in the military prison. As a result, one of them had escaped and many others might escape"*. The tenth (10th) defendant Abdelraheem Abdelgadir had escaped from the cell that morning, so Mr. Baroud requested court to issue an order of confining all the defendants at Kober prison. The judge/justice called in SAF's commander (1st lieutenant) who brought the defendants to court to confirm the escape of the tenth (10th) defendant of which he did confirm.

The judge gave the following orders;

- All defendants must be confined in Kober prison
- The commander (1st lieutenant) should inform court through the official military investigations the circumstances under which the tenth (10th) defendant escaped



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- Instructed the court secretary to write to the military court informing them that they did not implement court orders repeatedly which led to the escape of a defendant.

The military's legal consultant/ Yasir Abdelwakeel objected that SAF soldiers should not be detained at Kober prison because Kober prison is not a military prison. He requested to get the copy of order so that he starts on the process of appealing/ objecting the order at the Court of Appeal.

The judge adjourned court to 18th October 2017

Notes;

- More than thirty lawyers and eight journalists were present. The general public turned up in big numbers and the courtroom could not accommodate them all.
- The 6th and 7th defendants' names were written wrongly on the investigators minutes.
- Court discovered later that one defendant (escaped) was not present in court. This was because his brother answered/ responded when defendants' names were being called out loud (two defendants 9th and 10th are brothers). However, there was other defendant escaped earlier since the case filed by police, his name is Hassan Abdelfadeil.
- The commander (1st lieutenant) did not inform court about the defendant's escape on arrival.
- The relatives of both the victims' and defendants' sat together peacefully
- When the judge inquired (asked) about where the defendants' were detained, he discovered that they were detained in PDF camp western Omdurman town.
- The victims' families were contented with the judge's order to keep defendants in Kober prison.
- The villages mentioned (Almasan and Al-Mowaileh) are located in Al-Abbasiya locality.

Recommendations

HUDO urges all the concerned, especially:

- The Sudan court to conduct the trial fairly
- The diplomatic missions and embassies to observe the court sessions
- The activists and defendants' supporters to keep attending the court sessions
- The Sudan and international media to give full coverage for the court

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