



URGENT APPEAL FAILURE TO FIX A COLLAPSED SLAP AT WAD AL-MELAISSA SEASONAL RIVER IN SOUTH KORDUFAN STATE, SUDAN

On 16th July 2026, the concrete crossing slab of Wad Al-Melaissa seasonal river in South Kordufan State collapsed. This caused isolating three localities from the entire Sudan which resulted in the price increase of essential goods and disrupted people movement.

On 16th July 2026 the concrete surface/ slab at the Wad Al-Melaissa seasonal river collapsed. This is the main passage used by vehicles crossing the Wad Al-Melaissa seasonal river to three localities in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains (Gadeir, Talodi and Aleri localities) particularly during the rainy seasons.

This road is the single route that connects the three localities to the rest of Sudan through Abu-Jibaiha town. Since then, no vehicle/ truck could reach those three localities which resulted in the increase of the commodity prices in the three localities and endangered the lives of the stranded travelers.

Example of the prices increased in Talodi locality, as follows: Sugar sack (50Kg) was 180000 SDG increased to 310000 SDG, and sack of onions was at 260000 SDG increased to 350000 SDG (1 USD = 6000 SDG).

On July 21st, 2026, the Executive Director of Gadeir Locality visited the collapsed site and promised to solve the issue urgently using Community Development Funds allocated from the mining sector since the three localities are gold producers, but nothing has been done up to date.

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

- The authorities in South Kordofan State/ Nuba Mountains should urgently solve the current issue and build a permanent bridge to ensure safe passage for civilians and goods.
- The Sudanese Mineral Resources Company should immediately release the allocated community development funds to the relevant local authorities to enable them fulfill their responsibilities.
- The Sudanese Ministry of Roads and Bridges should fulfill its obligations by taking urgent measures to protect civilians and restore safe and effective transportation.



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More Information

Wad Al-Melaissa seasonal river (about 15 meters wide) is located in Gedeir locality along the main road (rough road) between Abu-Jibaiha and Kologi towns. It's the single road connecting Gedeir locality and beyond (Talodi and Aleri Localities) with entire Sudan. The three localities are surrounded by Sudan People Liberation Army – North (SPLA-N /Elhelo) controlled territory with no pass-through, consequently, this road became the only means of access. The three localities (Gadeir, Talodi and Aleri) have active gold mining sectors imposed with harsh governmental levies.

The concrete surface/ slab of Wad Al-Melaissa repeatedly collapses and many times the authorities promise to solve the issue. However, they usually offer a temporary solution. Activists argue that the failure by the government authorities to fix the issue causes immense suffering every rainy season. For instance:

- On 13th August 2024, floodwaters nearly swept away a civilian vehicle during the crossing and one passenger fell into the water stream.
- On 21st July 2022, a passenger vehicle was swept away by floodwaters while attempting to cross the broken seasonal river and as a result, ten (10) passengers died.
- On 13th August 2013, an agricultural tractor fell and overturned into the water stream while trying to cross over the broken slab.