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PRESS STATEMENT

TWO PEOPLE KILLED BY ARMED ROBBERS NEAR ABU-KERSHOLA, SUDAN

On 19th August 2026, armed robbers shot and killed two passengers and robbed the travellers of their belongings then disappeared. The robbery incident took place near Abu-Kershola. The case was reported to Abu-Kershola police but the police did not even attempt to investigate.

On 19th August 2026, a truck carrying goods and passengers from Elrahad to Abu-Kershola was obstructed by armed people (more than five) along the road. They were stopped at a point near Oujan agricultural scheme. During the process of forcing the truck to stop, the assailants were shooting randomly towards the truck. As a result, two passengers died; Ms. Mahasin Yagoub (a 32 years old teacher) and Mr. Abdulrahman Mohammed Mukhtar Suliman (26 years old trader). The assailants looted all passengers of their money and other valuables items before disappearing.

The truck/driver together with the looted passengers continued with the journey to Abu-Kershola where they reported (filed) the case at Abu-Kershola police office. However, the police did not make any efforts to investigate the case. Those who were killed, their dead bodies were taken and buried by the relatives.

One of the community leaders informed HUDO Centre that, *"From the moment Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) re-captured Um-Rawaba and Elrahad towns from the Rapid Support Force (RSF), the nomads moved their camps closer to this road. Therefore, we believe that some armed RSF affiliated youth joined the nomads. Many incidents have since taken place and we repeatedly informed the authorities about this risk. However, nothing was done to save people's lives and property from armed robbers"*.

Abu-Kershola is a capital of Abu-Kershola locality in South Kordufan State/ Nuba Mountains. El-Rahad is a town in North Kordufan State and it is about 60 km North of Abu-Kershola. The Oujan agricultural scheme is located between the two towns (Abu-Kershola and El-Rahad).

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

- The head of police in South Kordufan state should investigate the misconduct of the Abu-Kershola police.
- The prosecutor in South Kordufan state to ensure that the rule of law is upheld.

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