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PRESS STATEMENT

JEM SOLDIER KILLS A CIVILIAN AND SAF PROTECTS HIM FROM PROSECUTION IN TALODI, SUDAN

On 7th October 2026, a soldier from Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) / Joint Forces intentionally shot and killed Mr. Shoaib Yagoub at Al-Tegula goldmine in Talodi locality. The family of the deceased (victim) filed the complaint against the accused soldier at Talodi police, but no legal proceedings have been initiated.

On 7th October 2026, at 6:00PM (Sudan local time) Mr. Shoaib Yagoub (26 years old, blacksmith) was shot and killed instantly by a soldier due to a verbal dispute (quarrel) in Al-Tegula gold mine. The soldier/assailant belongs to the Joint Forces/ Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) whom are fighting alongside the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF). The victim's family buried the dead body and reported the case at Talodi police office. However, the killer was held by Sudan Armed Force (SAF) at the military garrison and never handed over to police to allow the criminal procedure and investigations to continue.

A lawyer from Talodi informed HUDO Centre that: "*We fear for the integrity of the legal procedures, since Talodi locality has no prosecutor or permanent resident judge for more than seven (7) years"*.

Al-Tegula gold mine is one of the goldmines in Talodi, it is located 15 km east of Talodi town. Since 2024, the Joint Force (It consists of several armed groups from Darfur, including JEM) has been occupying Talodi and carrying out gold mining activities like was done by Rapid Support Force (RSF) before. However, JEM has continuously threatened the lives of civilians by assaulting them, looting their property and arbitrarily arresting them. JEM also established gold extraction sites using prohibited chemicals /materials like cyanide and mercury.

HUDO Centre is concerned about the insecurity in the eastern region of South Kordofan State/ Nuba Mountains and calls on the authorities in Talodi locality and South Kordufan State;

- The Sudanese Armed Forces in Talodi must immediately hand over the suspect to the police without delay.
- The locality security committee to take immediate action to address the state of insecurity and reduce the loss of life and property.
- The police in Talodi to ensure that they investigate crimes in a responsible way and present the perpetrators to the courts of law.
- The senior prosecutor of South Kordofan State/ Nuba Mountains should ensure that the rule of law is upheld.

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