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URGENT APPEAL

THE JSC ARREST OPERATIONS IN DAMAZIN, SUDAN

On 5th and 9th November 2026, for unknown reasons the Joint Security Cell (JSC) arrested two (2) activists in Damazin of Blue Nile State. They were held incommunicado, unknown whereabouts and there is general fear that they could be undergoing torture.

The Joint Security Cell (JSC) continued with arresting civilians arbitrarily within Blue Nile State. HUDO Centre confirmed that the following individuals have been arrested by JSC in the last six (6) days;

On 5th November 2026, Mr. Ahmed Babikir was arrested by the JSC soldiers from Agadi road in Damazin city while he was going to the IDPs camp. He was taken to unknown place. No reason was given for his arrest.

On 9th November 2026, Mr. Fawaz Elnour was arrested by JSC from his house and taken him to unknown place. No reason was given for the arrest. However, his colleagues suspect that he was arrested because he had earlier posted on Facebook calling upon the authorities to handover Mr. Ahmed Haroun to the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The detainees are kept incommunicado and there is fear that they could be undergoing torture.

HUDO Centre is concerned about the safety of civilians in Sudan during this difficult period of fighting between SAF and TASIS and calls upon the Sudanese authorities to:

- Disclose their place of detention.
- Ensure that all detainees are free from torture and other forms of ill-treatment
- Allow detainees to access legal counsel, medical care, and family visits.
- Immediate release or present detainees to an independent and competent court of law.
- Ensure that civilians are not arbitrarily arrested
- Conduct an independent investigation and hold to account anyone responsible for arbitrary detention, torture, or other violations.

HUDO Centre urges the international community, relevant United Nations mechanisms, and human rights organisations to urgently raise these cases with the Sudanese authorities, confirm the whereabouts and welfare of detainees, and take appropriate action to prevent further violations.

Additional information:

Damazin is the capital city in Blue Nile State.

Mr. Ahmed Babikir (36 years) is a political and social activist as well as a member of the Sudanese Communist party. He is a resident of Damazin city.

Mr. Fawaz Elnour (33 years) is a government employee, a member of the Resistant Committee and social activist. He is a resident of Gogash neighbourhood in Damazin city. His Facebook post came after the appearance of Ahmed Haroun in podcast and then the purported rumor of him being arrested by the Sudan government. Mr. Fawaz Elnour's Facebook post was calling on the government to hand over Haroun to the ICC.

The ongoing arrest operations in Blue Nile intensified since TASIS occupied Guisan and Kurmuk localities. The arrest operation is carried out selectively whereby certain tribes, youth and activist are targeted. There are many other arbitrary arrest cases within Blue Nile state that have not been reported about though a few have been reported. For instance, within the month of October-2026, the JSC arrested many civilians as indicated below (though some of them have been released under different conditions);

- On 12th October 2026, Mr. Al-Rayah Younis Babiker was arrested.
- On 13th October 2026, Mr. Al-Baqir Saad and Mr. Jubara Abdalla were arrested.
- On 14th October 2026, Mr. Bakri Mahmoud was arrested.
- On 16th October 2026, Mr. Al-Fateh Awad Al-Nour and Mr. Elgeily Abdalla Jabir Bamsika were arrested.
- On 17th October 2026, Mr. Elsir Mohammed Eltour and Mr. Abduelbasit Kamal Mohammed Eltour were arrested.
- On 19th October 2026, Mr. Abduelrahman Mohammed Eltayeb, Mr. Yousif Dafalla Elratul, Mr. Albagir Malek and Mr. Abdelhafeez were arrested.
- On 21st October 2026, Mr. Alaa-Eldin wad Banat was arrested.
- On 22nd October 2026, Mr. Abu-Obeida Mutasim was arrested.

The violated rights: Personal freedom

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