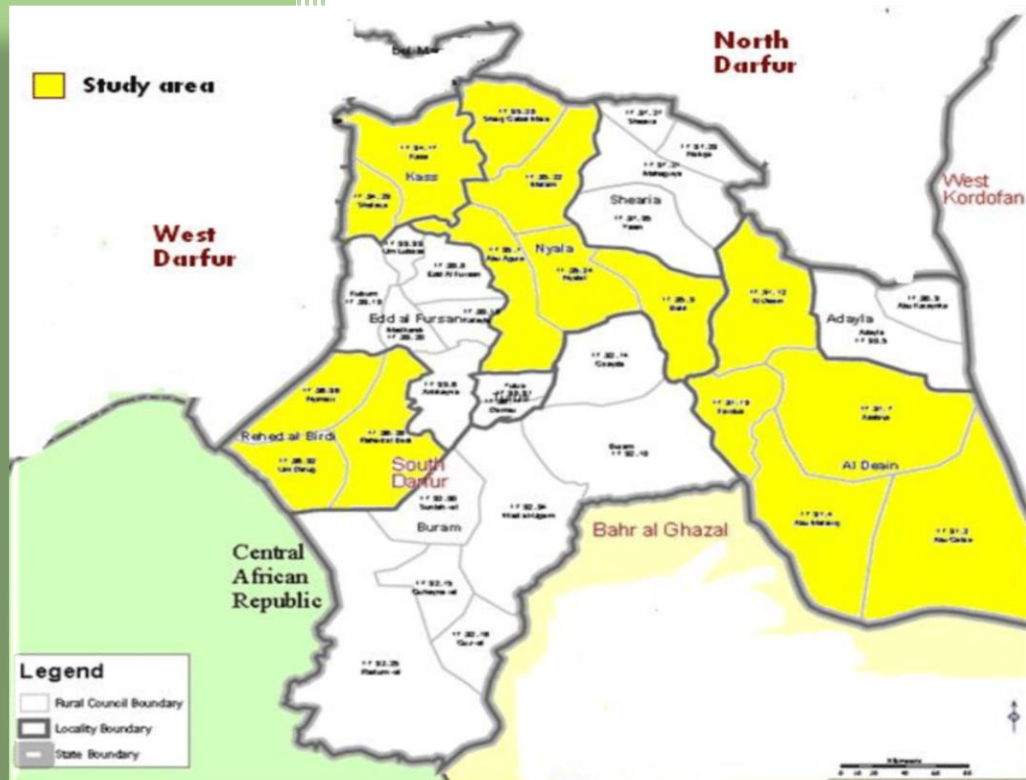


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# SHELLING AND A RAIN OF BULLETS IN NYALA, SOUTH DARFUR



## **DEDICATION**

African Center for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) would like to dedicate this report to the survivors and families of victims of the war in South Darfur, particularly families of human rights defenders who have been killed in Nyala city. This report is also specially dedicated to Mr. Mohamed Ali Hassan Gasim, a human rights defender and a friend of ACJPS who passed away in 2015 and two of his brothers were recently killed after their residence was bombed on 20 May 2023, and Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Abdallah also known as Al-lord, a human rights defender abducted on 4 August 2023 and later killed.

## **Acronyms**

SAF: Sudanese Army Forces

SAFU: Sudanese Air Force Unit.

RSF: Rapid Support Forces.

SDS: South Darfur State

CDS: Central Darfur State

SPLM/MM: Sudanese People's Liberation movement/Mani-Manawi

SPLM/TC: Sudanese People's Liberation movement/Transitional Council

## **Executive Summary**

The fight between the Sudanese Army (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in South Darfur has intensified with trends similar to those in Khartoum where SAF uses the tactic of shelling in areas around their base without actually leaving the base. This is done on suspicion that RSF occupied residences of civilians neighboring the SAF base with the intension to attack.

Unfortunately, Nyala is among the towns that have been cut off from the rest of the world as internet service has been off since 12 August 2023. This is similar to the situation in Zalingi in Central Darfur and Elgenina in West Darfur where internet has been off since 20 May and 17 May, 2023 respectively. Although MTN telecommunication company restored the Short Message Service (SMS) and Zain telecommunication company also restored some services on 09 September 2023, the network is very poor. This unjustified black out prompted ACJPS to carry out an investigation and find out how the armed conflict has affected not only Nyala but South Darfur in general.

The state has witnessed various human rights violations by both SAF and RSF that includes but not limited to obstruction of the right to information, killing of approximately 200 civilians and injuring hundreds, arbitrary arrest of at least 34 persons, abduction of “the rich” and demanding ransom and the recruitment of at least 20 child soldiers, three cases of extrajudicial killings among other violations. The health sector in South Darfur has greatly deteriorated with only one functioning

health facility in Aluhda neighborhood which is operating with inadequate medical supplies. The armed conflict has also led to the exodus of approximately 200,000 families to Elfashir in North Darfur, Aldeain in East Darfur, Kosti in White Nile and neighboring countries like South Sudan, Kenya, Chad and Uganda. The North Darfur State Government (NDSG) confirmed that the IDPs from South to North Darfur are being hosted in schools temporarily.

In this detailed report, ACJPS has documented incidents of violations and testimonies of victims of violations in the hands of the SAF and RSF.

### **Why is Nyala important to RSF?**

Nyala is the second biggest economic town in Sudan after Khartoum. It is strategically located between Central and South Darfur and also borders South Sudan and Central African Republic (CAF) and therefore used as a route for importing and exporting goods to and from West Africa. RSF controls all SAF bases within South Darfur specifically Kas in the East, Manwashi in the North, Buram and Umdakhon and all the SAF bases in the West bordering Central African Republic. Because RSF is in full control of Nyala town, they are able to access South Darfur Jebel Mara (another important town) through either Kas or from the East through Manwashi. It is possible that RSF's control of South Darfur may eventually lead it to taking control over Central and West Darfur too.

## Incidents of violations in South Darfur

The gunfire exchanges between SAF and RSF on 6th and 9th August 2023 resulted to the death of at least ten people in the neighborhoods of Aljmhoria, Almazad, Alemtidad, Raiq, Derig, Karari, Alwhda and Nyala main Market.

Names of people who were killed during the incidents:

1. Adam Suke (m)
2. Mustafa Mohamed Abdul (m)
3. Ahmed Wad Almahadi (m)
4. Ahmed Isa (m)
5. Maryam Altoum (f)
6. Fardoos Najem Elden (f)
7. Zakary Khamis (m)
8. Jwahir Garbali (f)
9. Elshafi Garbali (m)
10. Mutasim Garbali (m)

Names of those who sustained Injuries:

1. Shaa Eldien Muhi Eldien (m)
2. Jamal Alradi (m)
3. Wedad Sanhori (f)
4. Albra Alhadi (m)
5. Younis Taj Alasfia (m)
6. Muhalab (m)

On **11,12 and 13 August 2023**, Nyala town witnessed another gunfight

between RSF and SAF which resulted into the death of 12 people and injuring of 11 others from the neighborhoods of Almazad, Alemtidad, Raiq, Derig, Karari and Alwahda. RSF also used Alwahda neighborhood to access and attack SAF headquarters.

The names of the deceased are:

1. Nuha Bashir Abu Najra (f)
2. Husnah Bashir Abu Najrah (f)
3. Mandi Khidir (m)
4. Mustafa Alhaj Khidir (m)
5. Maaz Sidiq (m)
6. Sumyah Jebreel (f)
7. Khadija Mubarak (f)
8. Alumni Khamis (m)
9. Badur Eldien Musa Hamed Kabeer (m)
10. Rasha Al Noor Adam Abakar (f)
11. Mohamed Adam Aldrinok (m)

## 12.Mawia Gortosh (m)

Names of those who sustained injuries

1. Hamadah Alhaj Taha (m)
2. Muna AL haj Taha (m)
3. Aisha AL Noor (f)
4. Fatima Elsir (f)
5. Amar Manoor (m)
6. Ejlal Khalil (f)
7. Azizah Shams Eldien (f)
8. Malaz Jad Allah (f)
9. Noor Han Abu Bakar (f)
- 10.Yousriah Noreen (f)
- 11.Safiah Shamah (f)

On 11 August 2023, an armed group riding on motorcycles and camels attacked a village called Kakoja in Belil locality, located East of Nyala town and 4 kilometers from Kalma IDP camp. The group started by looting the market and later burnt it

down. Nine people lost their lives as a result of the raid while several others fled the village.

The deceased include:

1. Jaber Alraheed (m)
2. Mawia Sagiroon (m)
3. Abdul Jalil Abu Bakar (m)
4. Sadam Hassan (m)
5. Mujahid Kabao (m)
6. Matte Ishaq (m)
7. Haroun Abdul Raheem (m)
8. Abdul Saboor Adam (m)
9. Huria Hassab Allah (m)

Names of people who went Missing after the attack

1. Idris Suleiman (m)
2. Gasim Ramadan (m)
3. Hameed Jubara (m)

## Children killed during a gunfight between RSF and SAF

On 16 April, 18 and 19 May and 24 June 2023, a gunfire exchange between SAF and RSF resulted into the killing of 22 children and injuring several others most of whom have lost body parts such as limbs. The victims were aged between five to ten years from the neighborhoods of Nyala South, al jeer, North Alryad, Congo and Utash IDP camp in Nyala, South Darfur.

The victims include the following:

1. Salim Ahmed (m)
2. Saeed Abu baker Ibrahim (m)
3. Myadah Khalifa (f)
4. Sara Bashir (f)
5. Mukhtar Aldaw (m)
6. Mustafa Noor Eldien (m)
7. Ehlam Elsdig (f)
8. Noorhan Yousef Abakar (f)
9. Alzain Idris (m)
5. Emtithal AwadAllah (f)
6. Elfatih Mohamed Ibrahim) m)
7. Adam Eltahir Hamza
8. Muna sandal Abakar (f)
9. Rawan Almamoun (f)
- 10.Radwan Abdul Kareem (m)
- 11.Myadah Mohamed Alhassan (f)

Names of children who sustained Injuries; Those who sustained injuries were majorly from the neighborhoods of Aljmhoria, sham Alnaseem, Alemtidad, Alsad Alaali, Alwhda, Al-Andalus

1. Intisar Mohamed Yagoup
2. Abdallah Saad Eldien (m)
3. Ishaq Ahmed Mohamed (m)
4. Abdul Salam gamer Eldien (m)

In a separate incident, a mother together with her four children were killed.

On 21 and 22 June 2023, at least 18 people were killed and seven others sustained injuries as SAF and RSF resumed the gunfights in Nyala

specifically in the neighborhoods of Alwhda 1, 2 and 13, Karari, Alwadi and Altomst.



The deceased include the following:

1. Madinah Mohamed Ahmed (f)  
and four of her children
2. Dr. Yagoup Isa (m)
3. Ali Osman (m)
4. Osama Alrabe (m)
5. Alnajeeb Abdul Rahman (m)
6. Ibrahim Mustafa (m)
7. Haydar Saed (m)
8. Manal Alzi (f)
9. Abu Bakar Algali (m)
  
10. Taj Elsir Haroun (m)

11. Zakary Daw Albeit (m)

12. Awad Abdul Rahmeem (m)

13. Abdul Rahman Noor Eldien (m)

14. Tariq Abbas (m)

The injured are:

1. Yasir Eltahir (m)

2. Yasir Osman (m)

3. Alnoor Algali (f)

4. Mutaz AL Noor Algali (m)

5. Ahmed (m)

6. Amira Babkir (f)

7. Adam Yousef (m)

RSF attacks on Manawashi Town.

On 16 July 2023, the RSF launched an attack on Manwashi town in South Darfur and gained control of the area including the SAF base. Manwashi is located approximately 75 kilometers North of Nyala town. The incident resulted into the killing of at least eight people including three policemen and one SAF soldier. Additionally, eight civilians sustained injuries and approximately 14,000 civilians fled the area to North Darfur area. Some of the people killed include:

1. Maryam Mohamed ishaq (f)
2. Mohamed Isam Adam Abdallah (m)
3. Khadija Adam Abdallah (f)
4. Safa Mohamed ali abdallah (f)

Names of people who sustained injuries:

Halima Adam Hassan (f)

Adam (m)

Nabil (m)

Alsadiq Hajreen (m)

Fatima Aldoma (f)

Haroun Osman (m)

Khadija Abakar Mohamed (f)

### **Attack on Kas town**

In July 2023, the RSF launched an attack and took control of another town in South Darfur called Kas. Kas is located South West of Nyala town. The RSF also took controls of the SAF base, raided and looted NGO offices including the nutrition center.

The attack resulted into the death two people namely;

1. Mohamed Saif Eldien Abu baker (m)
2. Hussein Mohamed Hussein (m)

### **Air Bombardment**

On 2 September 2023, the Air Force Unit of the Sudanese Armed Forces air bombarded neighborhoods in Nyala town, South Darfur following a confrontation with Rapid Support Forces around SAF headquarters. The attack resulted into the death of at least 17 people and injuring several others from Congo and Almatar neighborhoods.

Names people killed in **Congo** neighborhood

1. Mudathier Khair Allah (m)
2. Jabaerah Abdul Rahman Salih (m)
3. Mustafa Elshekh (m)
4. Saad Mohamdeen (f)
5. Yasmien Hussen Al Noor (f)
6. Eman haroun (f)
7. Abdul Aziz Noor Aldien (m)

Names of People killed in **Almatar** “Airport” Neighborhood

1. Noor Alsham Alzain (f)
2. Aisha Abbas (f)
3. Abu Bakar Taha (m)
4. Faiza Mohamdeen (f)
5. Yasir Fadul (m)

Those who sustained injuries include:

1. Tayseer Badur Eldien (f)
2. Jamella Badur Eldien (f)
3. Sumia Badur Eldien (f)
4. Masour Hassab Alkareem (m)
5. Awad Taj Eldien (m)

On 13 September 2023, the Sudanese Air Force bombarded a number of neighborhoods in Nyala namely; Sub 6 neighborhood in Aluhda, Nusih, West Alezah, Almatar and Malajah local Market. At least 23 civilians were killed, 13 people sustained injuries and 5 houses were completely destroyed. The deceased include the following

1. Alfadil Sidiq (m)
2. Omer Hamid Dridgah (m)
3. Adam Musa (m)
4. Yousra AdamMusa (f)
5. Elshekh Sabir (m)
6. Hussein AL Noor (m)
7. Mustafa Muhalab (m)
8. Noor Aluhda Musa (m)
9. Radiah Omer (f)
10. Shams Eldien Fareed Mohamed (m)
11. Radwan Fareed Moh (m)
12. Islam Ibrahim (f).
13. Ahmed Hamdalh Ahmed Rajab (m)
14. Alaa Eldien Salih Mohamed (m)
15. Alburie Mohamed Abdallah (m)
16. Maaz Hassan Adam (m)

- 17.Maiada Omer (f)
- 18.Ramzi Mohamed (f)
- 19.Shazali Mohamed Harin (m)
- 20.Sheima Eltahir Al hello (m)
- 21.Suliman Adam Mohamed (m)
- 22.Talot Mohamed Abdallah (m)
- 23.Wali Eldien Jamal Hassan (f)

The injured are:

- 1. Ishaq AdamIshaq (m) aged 24
- 2. Hatim Omer (m) aged 44
- 3. Amjad Abdul Aal (m) aged 22
- 4. Abdul Gadir Jalal (m) aged 32
- 5. Malik Mohamed (m)
- 6. Katha Hadsan Mohamed (f) aged 28
- 7. Faiha Jamal Eldien (f) aged 21
- 8. Fatima Azrag (f) aged 20
- 9. Alzubir Rahant Alah (m) aged 16
- 10.Tayseer Ali (f) aged 16
- 11.Mutaz Hamad Ahmed (m) aged 9
- 12.Aymen Adam Musa (m) aged 5
- 13.Radwan Fareed (m)

### **Attack on Aseka Hadid Neighborhood**

On 8 August 2023, at least 34 people lost their lives and 27 sustained injuries as a result of an attack in Aseka Hadid also known as “Real Way” and Nile Taibah neighborhoods in Nyala.

The deceased include:

- 1. Adam Abu Albashar (m)
- 2. Mohamed Haroun Jarad (m)
- 3. Muhi Eldien Shomeen (m)
- 4. Alrasheed Abdallah (m)
- 5. Susuan Alrasheed Abdallah (F)
- 6. Abdul Gadir Alnaw (m)
- 7. Khaild Abdul Kareem (m)
- 8. Omer Matter (m)
- 9. Mohamed Zain Abdieen (m)
- 10.Mohamed Shareef (m)
- 11.Shareef Karam Elden (m)
- 12.Adam Omer (m)
- 13.Khalid (m)
- 14.Omer Elshafi (m)
- 15.Salih Karama (m)
- 16.Alfaki Ismail (m)
- 17.Salih (m)

18.Mohamed Alfatih Almanzool  
(m)

19.Maryam Badur Eldein (f)

20.Yahay Elkjair (m)

21.Um Salama Yahya Alkhair (f)

22.Belgis Yahaya Elkhair (f)

23.Makarem Yahya Elkhair (f)

24.Suhir Burie (f)

25.Zinab Abakar (f)

26.Samia Mohamed Ahmed (f)

27.Rukia Khidir (f)

28.Manal Khidir (f)

29.Nawal Khidir (f)

30.Rahama Adam Algazali (m)

31.Maga Adam Algazali (m)

32.Safa Adam Shomo (f)

33.Methag Adam Shomo(f)

34.Aseel Kamal hamdam Alnair (f)

35.Ayemen Kamal Adam Alnair  
(m)

36.Younis Mohamed Arabi (m)  
and his wife

37.Hawa (f)

38.Zahar Ibrahim (f)

39.Aisha (f)

40.Asma Teben (f)

41.Kamal Mohamed Arabi (m) and  
his wife

42.Nada Alsafi (f)

43.Kubra Ahmadai (f)

Names of children who were killed.

1. Rehab (f)

2. Malak (f)

Names of people who sustained  
injuries during the incident.

1. Maiada Berima (f)

2. Alnoor Berima (m)

3. Fatuma Mohamed (f)

4. Gisma Jebreel (f)

5. Aziza Alsufi (f)

6. Bakhit Alsofi (m)

7. Mohamed Adam Shomo (m)

8. Halima Dafallah (f)

9. Mohamed Adam Shomo (m)

10.Hawa Mahound (m)

11.Hawa Mahoud Aodi (f)

12.Halima Daud (f)

13.Aisha Daud (f)

14.Wijdan Yahaya (f)

15.Malak Alzaki (f)

16.Mawadah Alzaki (f)

- 17.Nasur Aldien Adam Algazali (m)
- 18.Sakina Alkhalifa (f)
- 19.Khadiga Abdul Fatah (f)
- 20.Fatima Mohamed (f)
- 21.Gisma Mohamed (f)
- 22.Samira Mohamed Abdallah (f)
- 23.Rehab Reuben (f)
- 24.Sara Mohamed (f)
- 25.Maryam Mohamed (f)
- 26.Mohamed Juma (m)
- 27.Nedal Juma (f)
- 28.Afrah Juma (f)
- 29.Raseel Kamal Arabi (f)

During the period between 11 and 18 August 2023, RSF launched attacks targeting SAF headquarters and the Sudanese army responded by shelling the areas where RSF had camped. This resulted into the killing of at least 41 civilians and the exodus of residents from the areas of Alhuda, Karari, Alsad Alali, Alemtidad and Almazad. ACJPS was able to obtain some names of the victims and they are;

1. Maaz Hassan (m)

2. Adam Jebreel (m)
3. Hawa Suliman (f)
4. Alsadiq Daw Albit (m)
5. Hamid saad (m)
6. Noor Alfatih (f)
7. Kalthoum Sidiq (f)
8. Dar Aleaeem Suleiman (f)
9. Mukhtar sabeel (m)
- 10.Matter Osman (m)
- 11.Mudathier Haroun (m)
- 12.Karama Abakar(m)
- 13.Khamis Allah Jabo (m)
- 14.Hanadi Ibrahim (m)
- 15.Suliman Eltijani (m)
- 16.Amel yagoup (f)
- 17.Rajaa Shareef (f)
- 18.Fathi Musa (m)
- 19.Mohamed Alradi (m)
- 20.Ahmed jad Alseed(m)
- 21.AbuAbashar AbdulRahman (m)
- 22.Abdul Aziem Raziq (m)
- 23.Nasur Eldien Khalid (m)
- 24.Abdallah Ibarahim (m)
- 25.Ebtsam Omer (f)
- 26.Awalallah Abakar (m)
- 27.Suhiba Muntasir (f)
- 28.Mutaz Jamal Eldein (m)

Approximately **117 civilians** sustained injuries during the attacks and some were transferred to South Alhuda Hospital in Nyala for medical attention. Unfortunately, the hospital did not have adequate supplies and thus many patients were unattended to and remained laying on the hospital floor. Some of the injured include:

1. Fakhar Eldien Jaber (m)
2. Hamdi Ahmed (m)
3. Bukhari Taj Eldien (m)
4. Khair Allah Atim(m)
5. Muhsen Yagoup(m)
6. Muneer Allah Jabo(m)
7. Mohamed Allah Jabo(m)
8. Fadallah Eltijani(m)
9. Tirab Krobi(m)
- 10.Tasneem Alfatih (f)
- 11.Noor Alhuda Alfatih (F)
- 12.Sumia Hafiza(f)
- 13.Adam Mohamed Salih (m)
- 14.Derig Abakar (m)
- 15.Eltahir Ibrahim
- 16.Daoud Namsour (m)
- 17.Yasir Farah (m)
- 18.Mujtaba Awad(m)
- 19.Radwan Saami (m)
- 20.Mubarak Abdul Jababr (m)
- 21.Mohamed Al Hafiz Bakhit (m)
- 22.Rabiaa Abdul Manan(f)
- 23.Ibrahim Attiah (m)

24. Ayoub Abdul Rahaman (m)
25. Kabo Najem Eldien (m)
26. Abdul Samie (m)
27. Nizar Alradi (m)
28. Elshekh Noor Eldien (m)
29. Algoni Mohamed (m)
30. Alzain Bediri (m)
31. Omran Abdul Latif (m)
32. Burie Musa (m)
33. Zinab Sidiq (f)
34. Abdul Malik Lazubir (m).

## **Recruitment of child soldiers**

### Testimonies

A one Mr. Hussein from the Abu Ajura neighborhood in Nyala, South Darfur State together with other family members searched for his 16-year-old-son Hassan who went missing on 29 June 2023. After searching for 40 days in vain, the family considered him missing until one fateful day when Mr. Hussein got a phone call from one of his relatives living in Nyala town, with information about Hassan. *“I immediately traveled to Nyala town to meet the said relative who instructed me to go to Turkish hospital. Upon reaching the hospital, I found my son who had sustained injuries in the eye. Hassan also disclosed to me that he had been recruited to RSF by the community leaders in the area”*, Mr. Hussein narrated to ACJPS.

Ahmed, a 17-year-old boy originally from Kabra neighborhood in Central Darfur State said to ACJPS that *“.... On 04 July 2023, a group of native administration*



*came to mobilize young girls and boys to join RSF and I was among those who were recruited into the forces. We (the new recruits) were then taken to Nyala where we were trained on how to shoot. We were promised a handsome pay on condition that we execute a successful attack on SAF headquarters as the Bank of Sudan had allegedly been transferred there. I then decided to join the fight but later escaped after three of my colleagues...”. He also added that most people join RSF in groups of relatives in order to help each other during and after attacks by SAF.*

Eye witnesses in the areas of Belil Tempisco, Belil Abu Jasso and Belil Dalal Angra witnessed some native administration leaders doing recruitments. The sources informed ACJPS that the recruitments started on 20 July 2023. Since then, several families have announced a number of missing children aged between 14 to 17 years. After searching intensively, it was discovered that the children had been recruited into RSF.

During the first week of September 2023, in Abu Ajura locality, families of children who had been recruited into RSF protested in front of Mr. Nazir Mohamed Yagoup’s home demanding for the return of their children. Mr. Yagoup together with other community leaders like Mr. Mohamed Al- Ahmar are suspected to be recruiters for RSF. ACJPS has obtained names of 17 child soldiers from the neighborhoods of Belil Tempisco, Degris, Bulbul Abu Jazu, Bulbul Dalal Angra. However, for security reasons, the names will not be published.

## **Arbitrary Arrest, detention and allegations of torture**

Since the outbreak of armed conflict between SAF and RSF on 15 April 2023, several civilians have been arbitrarily arrested and detained. Majority have been arrested on suspicion that they are affiliated to the opposite party. A reliable source informed ACJPS that RSF arrested at least 20 civilians whereas at least ten have been detained by SAF in their headquarters at 16 division in Nyala.

### **Names of people detained by RSF**

1. Adam Ali (m)
2. Mohamed Ahmed Baron (m)
3. Yousef Amban MUSA Alfadil (m)
4. Hssan Jamal Eldien (m)
5. Sidiq Abdallah Yousef (m)
6. Ibrahim Jebreel (m)
7. Habeeb Allah Hassan (m)
8. Algal Noreen (m)
9. Musab Haroun Eltahir (m)
10. Mudathir Yogup (m)
11. Ahmed Salih Mohamed (m)
12. Mamoun Ibrahim (m)
13. Abdul kareem Jad Allah (m)
14. Mubarak Alsanosi (m)
15. Jamal Ahmed Awad (m)
16. Ali Mohamed Hamad (m)
17. Abdul JABAR Alsadiq (m)
18. Mahir Abdul Gafar (m)

### **Names people detained by SAF**

1. Aat Allah Muhai Eldien (m)
2. Abdul Azim Bushara (m)
3. Bushra Alkhir Dahia (m)
4. Elyeb Mohmed Jedo (m)
5. Fathi Aldood (m)
6. Isa Idris (m)
7. Mohamed Ahmed (m)
8. Nasur Eldien Juma (m)
9. Sharaf Eldien Khamis Abdo (m)

## **Detention centers**

### **RSF detention Centers in Nyala**

- 1- RSF head quarter at Alma tar Neighborhood
- 2- Formal National security
- 3- Aldous School located at Aesthesia neighborhood
- 4- The office of National Identification

### **SAF detention Centers in Nyala**

- 1- SAF base in division 16

## **Incidences of arbitrary arrest and detention and torture by SAF and RSF:**

On 6 July 2023, at around 09:00am, a group of SAF soldiers raided the home of Mr. Ahmed (not his real name). Mr. Ahmed is a teacher at Algabas school located in Alnhada neighborhood in Nyala. *“I was threatened with guns and they forcefully entered and searched my house. I was then masked and taken to SAF headquarters in division 16. While in detention I was beaten on the head and back. I spent 12 days in a small 1x1 meter room without windows. I was then transferred to a mosque where I spent more than eight days after which an officer with a rank of Captain came and informed the other officers that he did not find my name on any of the lists of the forces i.e RSF, SAF, Police Forces and national Security and ordered for my immediate release”*, stated Mr. Ahmed.

On 3 September 2023, Mr. Mohammed (not real name), a motorcycle rider was abducted by RSF. While in detention, Mr. Mohammed was beaten with guns, hanged facing down and electrocuted for 10 days. He was later released but was

unconscious. He is currently unable to sit, talk or move his fingers as a result of the torture. In August, Mr. Mohammed was arrested and released three times and, on all occasions, he was accused of spying for SAF.

On 23 August 2023, Mr. Hassan (not real name), a 48-year-old businessman and a resident of South Alwhda neighborhood was arrested by RSF while he was hawking his goods near Tulus bus station at Alandlus market in Nyala. He was taken to RSF office within the market where he was detained for three days without food or water and then transferred to former National security building (an RSF detention center)

where he was detained with others for six more days before he was released. Unfortunately, after his return, all his goods were missing.

On 27 July 2023, Mr. Mustafa (not real name), a 45-year-old businessman was arrested from his home in Alwadi East neighborhood in Nyala after he had returned from RSF headquarters where he had gone to make a complaint about the RSF harassing people and that the community had rejected the check point created by RSF in the neighborhood. The RSF officers promised to follow-up with the issues. However, at around 06:00pm after he had returned to his house, a group of RSF officers climbed his wall fence, accessed the house and beat Mr. Mustafa on the face with gun butts in front of his family. They then tied his hands, masked his face and took him to a detention center where he was detained in one room with 20 other detainees. The following day, he was interrogated about the complaints he made against the RSF members and accused him of working for National security. He was also beaten with electric wires and forced to confess that he is works for National security. After 14 days in detention, he was released. He informed ACJPS of the

poor living situation in detention centers that is; a big number of people in one room with no wash rooms and one meal a day in afternoon.

## **Incidents of Abductions**

RSF also adopted a new trend of abducting “rich” civilians such as businessmen and demanded ransom before their release. A reliable source informed ACJPS that the rate of abductions increased after Gen. Abdul Fatah Abdul Rahman Al-burhan the SAF high command passed a resolution on 15 May 2023 to halt salaries for RSF.

Mr. Zakaria Alzubir, a 35-year-old advocate narrated this to ACJPS that *“on 2 July 2023, I was abducted from my home in Khamsa Dgaig neighborhood in Zalingi, Central Darfur State by an armed group dressed in RSF uniform. I was taken to an abandoned house and they demanded for 1,000,000 Sudanese Pounds (approximately \$1700) as a condition for my release. I told them I did not have that sum of money but offered to give them Sudanese peanuts worth the amount of money demanded but they rejected the deal and insisted on cash. They also suggested that my family members should fundraise and pay for my release but this too was not possible. I was released after seven days and I immediately fled to Nyala, South Darfur”* .

Mr. Mohamed Jubara, a 48-year-old businessman (with businesses in Nyala main market) and a popular community leader in Nyala, South Darfur narrated that *“.....on 20 July 2023, while I was leaving the mosque near my home in Al-wadi neighborhood after the Fajr prayers in the morning, five RSF members driving a Landcruiser vehicle stopped and fired in the air. They then grabbed me, masked by face and forced me into the vehicle. Several minutes later, I found myself in the RSF base located at Almatar neighborhood in Nyala. I was questioned about working*

*with military intelligence which I denied and I told them that I am a businessman and that I have no relationship with SAF. After three days, one of the officers at the base asked me to pay 3,000,000 Sudanese pounds (approximately \$51000) so that I could be released but I refused. Two days later, an officer I was familiar with (we had interactions in the market) ordered for my release. Five days post release, I have since suffered from serious health challenges because I was not getting any medical attention while in detention yet I am diabetic.....”*

On 6 August 2023, at round 05:00pm, Mr. Ahmed Khalid a high school teacher was abducted while he was seated in front of his house in Congo neighborhood in Nyala by an armed group driving a saloon car and riding on a motorcycle. After driving for a short distance, they called Mr. Khalid’s wife using Mr. Khalid’s phone and demanded for 2,000,000 Sudanese pounds (approximately \$3400) as ransom.

### **Incidents of Extra-judicial killing**

ACJPS has documented the extra judicial killing of five people by the armed groups. On 22 August 2023, a group of men dressed in RSF uniform driving two vehicles raided the house of Mr. Ahmed Bargo, a 55-year-old former member of the National Congress Party (NCP) and a resident of Alnahda neighborhood in Nyala. The group knocked on his door, and when he came to open the door, he was shot dead. They then moved to the next house and in the same manner, killed Mr. Mohamed Abdul Kareem, a 48-year-old businessman. Both men were community leaders in Zagawa community in Nyala.

## **Status of Health Sector in South Darfur**

As a result of the ongoing armed conflict, at least eight medical facilities have been completely destroyed.

These include:

1. Alwhda medical center
2. Karari medical Center
3. Abdallah Rahman medical Center
4. Alsad Alaali aka High Dam medical Center
5. Altadamon medical center
6. Yashfeen specialist medical Center
7. Alryad Medical Center
8. Aljeer Medical Center

### **Cases of malnutrition**

There are several cases of malnutrition registered at medical centers 5 and 7 within Kalma IDP camp in South Darfur. A reliable source in Nyala informed ACJPS that during the month of June 2023, there were eight cases of malnutrition registered at Aluhda medical center 05 out of which five are aged between 15 to 18 years while the three others were over 50 years. The source also added that the patients were from the neighborhoods of Aleiza West, Musaih, Congo, Aljeer and Domayah Majok.

### **Miscarriage as a result of the armed conflict (i.e shelling and bombings)**

ACJPS has documented at least thirteen cases of miscarriages amongst women in Nyala as a result of shelling and bombing. A reliable source (medical doctor) informed ACJPS that the shelling and bombings have also contributed to irregular menstrual periods among girls between the ages of 18 to 25 years.

### **Other developments**

On 25 August 2023, joint forces comprising of members from the Civilian Protection Forces established by Darfurian Movement (a party to the Sudan Peace Agreement, 2020), SPLM/Mani-Manawi and SPLM/TC headed by Alhadi Idris also member of Sudanese Transitional Sovereign Council (STSC) arrived in Nyala driving 120 military land cruiser vehicles for a peace keeping mission to end the armed conflict between RSF and SAF. After about six days, the joint forces managed to intervene and halt the fight between the parties.

On 24 May 2023, the joint forces who were travelling in 18 military vehicles were attacked by an Armed Arab group while on their way from Elfashir, West Darfur to Elgenina in West Darfur for a peace keeping mission.

Since May 2023, the joint forces succeeded in protecting civilians in Elfashir by mounting check points and deploying forces to patrol Elfashir Market and protect civilians. They also offered to guard public and NGO buildings in Elfashir and provided protection to traders coming from Khartoum through the RSF control area. At one of the check points, the forces managed to arrest three men dressed in RSF uniform coming from Khartoum and rescued females whom they had allegedly abducted. The suspects and the alleged victims were all handed over to SAF for further action. Despite all efforts by the joint forces, their power is limited because RSF controls the area.

### **Closure of Markets.**

Several markets in South Darfur in general including Elgenina station market have been completely destroyed by the warring parties or/and armed groups that took advantage of the situation to loot and burn down the markets.



## **RSF Recruitments**

During the second week of July 2023, RSF started recruiting new soldiers and the registration process took place at their base in Almatar street in Nyala town in south Darfur. A reliable source informed ACJPS that after registration, the new recruits were transferred to Khartoum for deployment.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

ACJPS calls upon;

1) The **RSF** and **SAF** to:

1. Uphold the rights of civilians, including their right to life.
2. Ensure that humanitarian aid reaches those in need without hindrance.
3. Engage in peaceful dialogue to find a lasting and peaceful solution to the conflict.
4. Prioritize the well-being of the people of Sudan.
5. Take responsibility for any actions that have resulted in harm to civilians or other parties involved in the conflict.
6. Cooperate with regional partners to find a lasting solution to the conflict. This is essential to ending the violence and ensuring peace for the people of Sudan.
7. Unconditionally release all detainees in their custody and end the practice of arbitrary arrest, incommunicado detention and/or enforced disappearance and torture of activists and civilians.
8. End the violation of human rights including violation of freedom of expression and access to information and freedom of movement.

2) **Sudanese Authorities** to:

1. Carry out an independent and impartial investigation into the cases of extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests and detention and allegations of torture and bring perpetrators to book.
2. Uphold Sudan's international obligations under relevant regional and international treaties which Sudan ratified by **immediately carrying out independent, transparent and effective investigations** with a view to determining the fate and whereabouts of all missing persons since 15 April 2023. Where victims are in the custody of the state (SAF), they should be either unconditionally released, or charged before the courts of law. For those who have died, graves must be shown to families/relatives and bodies released for proper burial. Perpetrators must be held to account through fair trials.

3) The **international community** to:

1. Prioritize the protection of civilians and security situation Sudan
2. Deploy resources to ensure the protection of civilians in the Sudan and assist with independent and impartial investigations of human rights violations with an aim of ensuring accountability.
3. Provide humanitarian assistance to civilians who are feeling the war.
4. The **United Nations Human Rights Council** must prioritize the pursuit of justice for the victims of the Sudan War. The UN Security Council should refer the situation in Sudan to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and support the court's efforts to investigate and prosecute perpetrators.