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Human Rights Update: October and November 2016

Gradual scale up of violence sows fear among communities in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile

The Sudan Consortium has been working with a group of trusted local Sudanese partners who have been monitoring human rights violations committed against the civilian population in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile since the current conflict began in 2011.

We believe that the information provides strong evidence that civilians are being directly and deliberately targeted by the Sudanese government in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile as all the attacks referred to in this report were launched against areas that were clearly identifiable as civilian in character.

During the months of October and November 2016, incidents of human rights violations in Southern Kordofan (SK) seemed to be on the rise following a lull in the fighting over the previous few months and the humanitarian situation continued to deteriorate. There were nine shelling incidents, generating 89 shells, one looting incident, one bombing incident and one abduction, with three people injured. The shelling incidents created a lot of fear among the population, discouraging some from going to the fields. Antonov planes have been seen circling several times in both SK and Blue Nile (BN) states but our monitors did not report any incidents in BN during the period. All incidents mentioned in this report constitute a breach of the four month unilateral ceasefire declared by the President of Sudan, Omar Al Bashir, on 17 June 2016, and [extended](#) in October to the end of 2016.

SOUTHERN KORDOFAN

Umdorein County

- **On 14 October 2016, at 8.00am**, Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) fired four shells on Alnugra village, Tangal Payam, and injured a four month old baby.
- **On 16 October 2016, at 1.00am**, SAF fired three shells on Alnugra village, Tangal Payam, and damaged a farm belonging to a woman in the village. The same day **at 3.00pm**, SAF fired 27 shells on Umserndiba village, Tangal Payam, but no casualties were reported.

Delami County

- **On 5 October 2016, at 2.18pm**, from Umhetan town, Umhetan Payam, SAF fired two shells into the area controlled by the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army-North (SPLM/A-N). These were civilian settlements but no casualties were reported.
- **On 21 October 2016, at 4.13pm**, the Popular Defence Forces (PDF) – a militia allied to the Sudan government - looted 180 cows from three families in Hadara village, Umhetan Payam.

Kadugli County

- **On 21 October 2016, at 8.00am**, a 60 year old widow was shot and seriously wounded in the left thigh by the PDF while working on her farm.

Umdorein County

- **On 19 November 2016, at 8.00pm**, SAF fired 23 shells on Alnugra village, Tangal Payam, but there were no casualties. The same day, **at 8.00pm**, SAF also fired five shells on Umserndiba village, Tangal Payam, but there were no casualties.
- **On 24 November 2016, at 12.00am**, SAF fired four shells on Umserndiba village, Tangal Payam, and fired seven shells on Alnugra village, Tangal Payam, but there were no casualties in either incident.

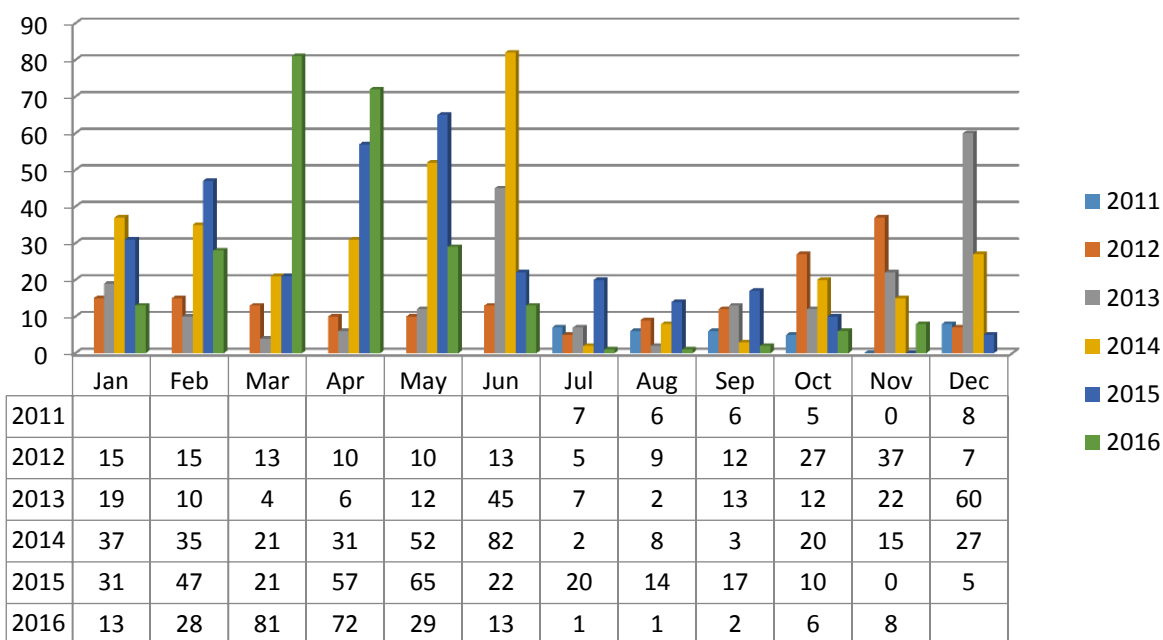
Heiban County

- **On 17 November 2016, at 2.00pm**, a man was abducted by the PDF while working on his farm in Tembera village, Kumbur Payam. There was no news of his whereabouts by the end of 2016.
- **On 23 November 2016, at 3.15pm**, eight rockets were fired on Ardicanan village from Umbrabeta village where government troops are based. The rockets fell within 10 metres of Ardicanan Model Primary School but the pupils had already gone home for the day and none were injured. However, shrapnel from the rockets broke the hand of a civilian who was travelling to the village market. Additionally, three huts belonging to three families were completely burnt with all property inside.
- **On 24 November 2016, at 2.00pm**, nine shells were fired from Umbrabeta village, Rashad Payam, to Nyakima village in Alazrag Payam but there were no casualties and nothing was damaged.
- **On 28 November 2016, at 2.13pm**, two MiG jet fighters dropped two bombs on Lula village in Alazrag Payam but there were no casualties and nothing was destroyed.

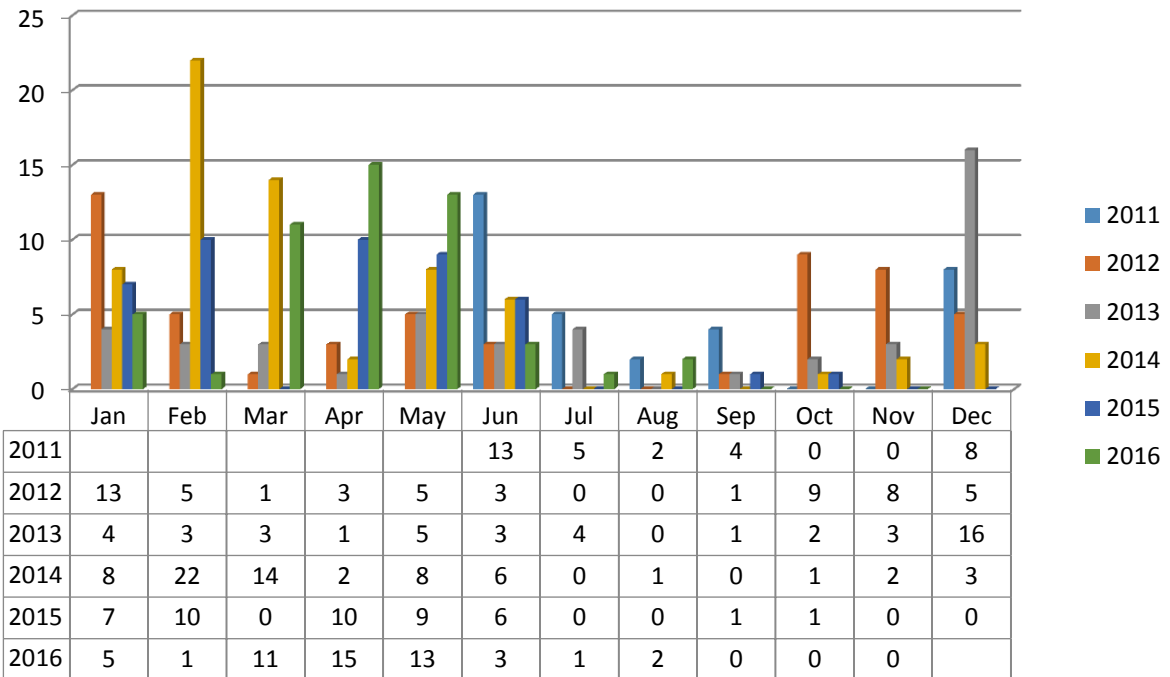
BLUE NILE

In October and November there were no reported incidents of aerial bombardment, shelling or looting by SAF in SPLM/A-N controlled areas of Blue Nile. However, SAF planes continued to be sighted in the area.

**Number of incidents against civilians in SK and BN
2011 - 2016**



Number of civilians killed in SK and BN 2011 - 2016



Number of civilians injured in SK and BN 2011 - 2016

