UPDATE (3) ON

THE ARRESTED PEOPLE OF ALTARTAR, SUDAN

On 14th February 2019, NISS in Kadogli released Altartar detainees who were held in police custody/prison. Before their release, they were first addressed by the head of NISS.

On 14th February 2019 at 15:00 (Sudan Local), the head of National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) in Kadogli visited Altartar detainees at Kadogli prison where they were detained by police after NISS opened a case against them. The detainees’ names are Babikir Ahmed Eltegani, Loai Mohammed, Ali Ahmed, Ibrahim Elhaj, Babikir Ahmed Omer, Fadelalla Elneuairi, Nadir Jabir, Ahmed Elkarar, Ahmed Adam, Ahmed Radi, Bashir Yasin and Mohammed Ahmed.

The head of NISS in Kadogli talked to them for about forty (40) minutes blaming them for demonstrating, warning them not to do it again and to report whoever attempts to protest. He later apologized to them for holding them longer in custody and informed them that, the case is canceled. By 16:00 they were set free. However, the day before, the detainees were informed that, their case was submitted to the court.

The twelve detainees had been arrested from Altartar town on 3rd January 2019 and on the same day transported to Kadogli NISS custody where they were kept incommunicado up to 3rd February 2019 when NISS filed a case against them. They were accused under articles (67- pubic tranquility riot, 69-Disturbance of public peace and 182- Criminal damage mischief) of Sudan Criminal penal 1991, and handled them to police. The prosecutor informed their families that, detainees can be released on bail after paying a specific amount which is fifteen million Sudanese pound (approximately = two hundred fifty thousand USD) subject to the case.

HUDO is very concerned about the situation of civilians during this current condition of demonstrations and calls upon;

- Sudan government to respect the freedom of expression and assembly.
- Sudan government to respect its international obligations on rights.
- NISS to stop intimidating citizens.
- Sudan judiciary authority and police to stop relying on NISS will.