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## ETHNIC GENOCIDES IN ARDAMATA LOCALITY IN WEST DARFUR

A DETAILED REPORT ON WHAT TRANSPIRED  
DURING THE ATTACK ON ARDMATA LOCALITY IN  
NOVEMBER 2023.



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## **ACRONYMS**

SPLM/SA: Sudanese People's Liberation Movement/Sudanese Alliance

SAF: Sudanese Army Forces

RSF: Rapid Support Forces

## 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 intention to attack.

Sudan is currently ravaged by war and human rights violations are happening on a large scale. In Darfur, the armed conflict took an ethnic turn between Arabs and non-Arabs. In this detailed report, ACJPS has documented yet another ethnically motivated attack in the Ardamata locality in West Darfur targeting the Massalite people. The attack launched by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and allied Arab militia led to the seizure of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) base in Ardmata, killing more than 800 people including SAF soldiers and Massalite people, injuring several others and thousands displaced to fairly safer states within Sudan and the neighboring Chad. Additionally, women and girls were reportedly subjected to sexual violence in the camp and while fleeing the area.

## Background

In 1919, an agreement was signed between the Massalite Kingdom and the French and British administrators. The first military base was established by the British in the Krinik locality in 1918 and later moved to the Ardamata locality neighboring Elgenina (the other side of Bari Valley). This base was later occupied by the Sudanese army.

Ardamata is an administrative locality situated northeast of Elgenina, the West Darfur capital. The locality hosts the headquarters of the Sudanese Army (15th division), Ardamata prison, and center 1 and 2 IDP camps that were established in 2004. Ardamata and Elgenina localities are separated by a valley known as the Bari Valley.

On 24 April 2023, SAF retreated and withdrew from Elgenina and returned to the 15th Division during a gun exchange with RSF.

Following the death of Gen. Khamis Abakar, the SPLM/SA Chairperson who also doubled as the West Darfur Governor, on 14 July 2023, the SPLM/SA withdrew from Elgenina and deployed their forces in three different locations in Ardamata, that is inside the SAF base, Ardamata IDP camp (which is predominately occupied by the Massalite) and Ardamata prison that was vacant after the prisoners escaped at the beginning of the armed conflict in April 2023.

## **Attacks in Ardamata locality**

On 4 November 2023, the Sudanese army withdrew from their base in Ardamata for the first time in more than 100 years. At around 10:00 am, RSF seized the SAF base in Ardmata after four days of heavy gunfights between the warring parties. Other parties also joined in the gunfight. For example, the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army/Sudanese Alliance and local volunteers joined SAF whilst the Arab militias joined RSF. At around 1:00 pm on the same day, several SAF officials including seven high-ranking officers withdrew from the base and went to other SAF bases in Serba and Kulubs whilst others crossed to the neighboring Chad (possibly through a deal with RSF because they went out through the East direction where RSF was heavily deployed).

A reliable source informed ACJPS that the director of the SAF Military Intelligence unit, Mr. Waleed Gism Alsaïd (a former NCP member and a nephew to Gen. Al-Burhan) refused to retreat and immediately took over the leadership of the troops. Another group of SAF soldiers remained at the base and on the battlefield with other allied forces fighting against RSF. They were resultantly killed, injured, and captured as prisoners of war.

Before this development, SAF had previously targeted at least five neighborhoods in Elgenina predominantly occupied by Arabs resulting in the killing of 15 residents and injuring 18 others including children. This is what allegedly prompted a revenge attack by RSF-supported allied militia like the Armed Arabs and Tama Support militias to launch heavy attacks

targeting the Ardmata neighborhood, particularly the Ardmata IDP camp where the SPLM/SA had settled after their withdrawal from Elgenina in the second week of July 2023 and residents from the Massalite tribe.

Approximately 870 people including soldiers lost their lives, several others were injured, and massive destruction and loss of property during the attacks and the displacement of people to Elgenina and Chad. The attacks were also characterized by different human rights violations like looting, enforced disappearance, and sexual violence against women and girls. Ms. Sharifah (Pseudo name), a 20-year-old survivor told ACJPS that she was raped by the attackers while fleeing from Ardamata to the Alshati neighborhood located North of Elgenina. “They threatened to kill my baby when I first resisted...,” she painfully added.

Reliable sources informed ACJPS that RSF captured approximately 500 people as prisoners of war and that at least 30 people from SAF were injured and transferred to Elgenina Hospital for medical attention.

## **Parties involved in the gunfight in Ardamata**

During the gun exchange in Ardamata, SAF was led by the 15th division commander alongside the commander SAF Military Intelligence Unit whilst SPLM/SA was led by their military commander, Mr. Omer Burah Ali Suleiman also known as Habashi. The Massalite forces (created in March 2022 by the Massalite kingdom replacing the Massalite self-defense tribal forces) also participated in the fight.

The RSF on the other hand was led by Gen. Abdul Rahman Jumma, the commander of West Darfur, and Major Mohamed Aljadi, the RSF Military Intelligence Unit director whilst the Arab tribal Resistance Forces previously known as “self-defense” was led by Mr. Mohamed Ismail and his deputy Mr. Mohamed Jubara.

There was also involvement of an unidentified armed group riding on camels, horses, and motorcycles looting property during the gunfights.

## **Attacks on civilians by SAF**

On 3 November 2023, SAF in the 15th division in Ardmata randomly started shelling targeting five neighborhoods in Elgenina. The incident resulted in the killing of 15 residents and injuring 18 others who are currently admitted in Elgenina Hospital and Bashair Clinic in Elgenina. Additionally, 55 houses were destroyed; 35 in Alnaseem, 6 in Alshati, 3 in Alengaz, 5 in Alwadi, and 5 in the Alsafa neighborhood. The areas targeted are predominately occupied by Arabs.

### **List of civilians who perished during the attack**

1. Hussein Dawai (m), aged 51 from Alnaseem
2. Daoud Omer Shuaib (m), aged 56 from Alnaseem
3. Isa Khalil Jamoon (m), aged 33 from Alwadi
4. Ibrahim Mohamed Ushbah (m), aged 7 from Alnaseem
5. Mohamed Daoud (m), aged 35
6. Marwa Abdul Rahman Hosky (f), aged 33
7. Ibrahim Mohamed Brokel (m), aged 16 from Alemtad
8. Gendima RBAB (f), aged 13 from Alzryba
9. Daoud Moner Shuaib (m), aged 8 from Alshsti
10. Hussien Ismail Hassan (m), aged 19 from Alnaseem
11. Abdallah Saosal (m), aged 20 from Alnaseem
12. Aldaif Berias Abakar (m), aged 60 from Alnaseem
13. Suleiman Mohamed Ushbah Senateen (m), aged 62 from Alnaseem
14. Hassan Sosal Altmr (m), aged 45 from Alwadi
15. Alkhair Osman (m), aged 38 from Alnaseem

### **Those who sustained injuries are;**

1. Bashir Osman (m)
2. Osman Sagah (m)
3. Osman Zakaria (m)
4. Ahmed Adaif Alnoor (m)
5. Hamad Alhadi Albashr (m), aged 14 years from Alwadi
6. Jedo Mohamed (m) aged 32 from Alengaz
7. Khalil Kabari Alsaed (m), aged 14 from Alnaseem
8. Madri Mohamed Madri (m), aged 16 from Alnaseem



9. Hussien Altoon Mahmoud (m), aged 62 from Alnaseem
10. Yagoup Osman (m), aged 60 from Alshsti
11. Khadig Tahir (f), aged 7 from Alnassem
12. Mohamed Yagoup Osman (m), aged 23 from Alnaseem
13. Alnoor khalil Abu Bakar (m), aged 25 from Alwadi
14. Abdul Rahman Abdul Allah Ushba (m), aged 50 from Alnaseem
15. Ali Ushan (m), aged 16 from Alnaseem
16. Omer Ismail Hassan (m), aged 13 from Alnaseem
17. Hamdan Inid Wedah (m), aged 16 from Alemtdad.
18. Ali Mohamed (m), aged 20

### **RSF attack on civilians in Ardamata**

The majority of the people living in Ardmata are from the Massalite tribe, and most of them are families of SAF soldiers and IDPs. However, on 1 November 2023, the residents started fleeing to the Northern neighborhoods in Elgenina and Chad to avoid possible attacks.

Nonetheless, approximately 252 civilians lost their lives as a result of attacks by RSF and affiliated militias including Mr. Mohamed Arbab, a Massalite native administration leader. Although Mr. Mohammed's family issued a statement on 15 November accusing the SPLM/SA of killing him because he did not want the Massalite forces to participate in the fights, the allegations are baseless as he was killed during the gun exchange. The attackers reportedly sexually violated two Women/girls.

ACJPS documented a total of 384 civilians including seven women who sustained injuries from the attack. They are currently admitted to Elgenina Hospital receiving medical attention.

ACJPS has documented a total of 251 names of civilians who were killed by RSF in Ardmata and they are;

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Shareef Mohamed Maki (m)<br>aged 42        | 14. Mohamed Eldien Ahmed Adam<br>(m) aged 34 |
| 2. Abdul Razig Khamis Abdallah<br>(m) aged 22 | 15. Mansour Yahya Suliman (m)<br>aged 41     |
| 3. Adam Ali Abdallah (m) aged 34              | 16. Habiba Zakaria Ali (m) aged 32           |
| 4. Ali Ibrahim Hussein Saeed (m)<br>aged 21   | 17. Ahmed Osman Suliman (m)<br>aged 47       |
| 5. Babakir Gamer Eldien (m) aged<br>33        | 18. Abdul Latif Ishaq (m), aged 34           |
| 6. Ahmed Zakaria Adam(m) aged<br>46           | 19. Mohamed Abdallah (m)                     |
| 7. Salim Ahmed (m) aged 19                    | 20. Abdul Salih Ali (m)                      |
| 8. Abdo Abdallah Haroun (m) aged<br>32        | 21. Abdul Latif Salih Ali (m)                |
| 9. Mahjoob Salih Ali(m) aged 27               | 22. Mohamed Abdul Rahman (m)                 |
| 10. Hussein Zakaria Ali (m) aged 33           | 23. Ahmed Abdul Nabi Mohamed<br>(m)          |
| 11. Alhadi Ismail Ali (m) aged 32             | 24. Munir Ahmed Mohamed (m)                  |
| 12. Mustafa Ahmed Osman (m) aged<br>24        | 25. Ahmed Alnoor Abdallah (m)                |
| 13. Hassan Araba Jumma(m) aged<br>34          | 26. Adam Ahmed Adam (m) aged 29              |
|                                               | 27. Gada Ahmed Adam (f) aged 32              |
|                                               | 28. Salah Isa Adam (m) aged 31               |
|                                               | 29. Ahmed Mohamed Abkar (m)<br>aged 30       |

30. Isahag Alnoor Ishaq (m) aged 45
31. Yagoup Berah Mahmoud (m) aged 27
32. Fadallah Isa Mohamed (m) aged 36
33. Alsadiq Omer Khalil (m) aged 34
34. Abdul Rahman Khalil Suleiman (m) aged 37
35. Al-Rasheed Khalil Suliman (m) aged 30
36. Ali Mohamed Ishaq (m) aged 36
37. Abdul Salam Babakir Ali (m) aged 34
38. Abu Algasim Abdallah Yagoup (m) aged 22
39. Mustafa Abdul Rahman Mohamed (m) aged 52
40. Noah Ahmed Mohamed (m) aged 21
41. Mawai Jumma Mohamed (m) aged 20
42. Saif Adam Adult Rahman (m) aged 34
43. Nabil Arbab Matter (m) aged 21
44. Ibrahim Arabab Matter (m) aged 35
45. Kabashie Mohamed Abdul Kareem (m) aged 19
46. Saad Daoud Adam (m) aged 18
47. Abdallah Mohamed Haroun (m) aged 37
48. Alnoor Aldom Adam (m) aged 34
49. Alzubir Yosef Ahmed (m) aged 22
50. Murada Alsaid Dafallah (m) aged 25
51. Ishaq Abdul Rahman Haroun (m)
52. Abdul Aziz Osman Hussein (m)
53. Alam Elein Haroun Ali (m)
54. Mohamed Mustafa Abdul Raheem (m) aged
55. Yasir Ahmed (m)
56. Abdul Hadi Abdul Raheem Abdallah (m) aged 27
57. Abdul Aziz Osman (m)
58. Mastura Abu Bakar Abdallah (f)
59. Naima Ahmed Ali (f) aged 8
60. Salha Mustafa Ahmed (f) aged 10
61. Salih Dahia Daoud (f) aged 28
62. Mohamed Mustafa Abdul Raheem (m) aged 14

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| 63. Hilal Adam Abakar (m) aged 32             | 78. Abdul Nabi Ismail Adam (m) aged 35           |
| 64. Sharaf Eldien Abdallah Adam (m) aged 28   | 79. Adam Sharif Abkar Dengis (m) aged 31         |
| 65. Mohamed (m) aged 27                       | 80. Adil Abdallah Abdul Rahman (m) aged 35       |
| 66. Hamed Yousef Omer (m) aged 24             | 81. Abdul Gani Elias Yahiya (m) aged 33          |
| 67. Hafiz Abdallah (m) aged 27                | 82. Abdul Raheem Mohamed Yogup (m) aged 32       |
| 68. Mohamed Haroun Suleiman (m) aged 32       | 83. Adam Omer Ali (m) aged 53                    |
| 69. Maaz Taj Eldien Ismail (m) aged 21        | 84. Mohamed Omer Ali (m) aged 16                 |
| 70. Alsadiq Omer Ibrahim (m) aged 32          | 85. AL Rasheed Mohamed (m) aged 25               |
| 71. Salih Hassan Haroun (m) aged 29           | 86. Younis Ishaq Musa (m) aged 57                |
| 72. Sheikh Eldien Abdul Kareem (m) aged 35    | 87. Elteyeb Sheria (m) aged 27                   |
| 73. Nasur Eldien Salih Arabi (m)              | 88. Allam Eldien Haroun Ali (m) aged 31          |
| 74. Mustafa Musa Adam (m) aged 33             | 89. Shareef Adam Shareef (m) aged 37             |
| 75. Daoud Yousef Mohamed (m) aged 36          | 90. Abdallah Ibrahim (m) aged 26                 |
| 76. Abdallah Daoud Yousef Mohamed (m) aged 19 | 91. Salah Bashir Mohamed Abdul Shafi (m) aged 77 |
| 77. Alsadiq Mohamed Khalil (m) aged 38        | 92. Mohamed Yahiya Adam (m) aged 27              |
|                                               | 93. Ibrahim (m) aged 52                          |

94. Ibrahim Ahmed Yogup (m) aged 42
95. Nasr Eldien Adam Abdallah (m) aged 31
96. Abdul Basit Ahmed Adam (m) aged 39
97. Radwan Ibrahim Abkar (m) aged 28
98. Mohamed Mahmoud (m) aged 61
99. Gamer Abdalla Abkar (m) aged 29
100. Adam Ishaq Yousef (m) aged 33
101. Ahmed Adam Abdalla Rahman (m) aged 42
102. Fathi Alsadiq Yahiya (m) aged 48
103. Alnzir Ibrahim Adam (m) aged 37
104. Abdul Latif Adam Mohamed Abdul Rahman (m) aged 25
105. Mujahed Ahmed Mohamed Omer (m) aged 14
106. Abdallah Isa Bashir (m) aged 42
107. Abdalla Abdul Rahman (m) aged 24
108. Omer Abu Bakar Babakir (m) aged 33
109. Abdul Majed Omer (m) aged 30
110. Faisal Ali Hussein (m) aged 30
111. Abdalla Mohamed Abdallah (m) aged 34
112. Abdalla Mohamed (m) aged 36
113. Gamer Eldien Mohamed Adam (m) aged 30
114. Al-Amin Daoud (m) aged 34
115. Jamal Ibrahim Yahaya (m) aged 45
116. Ibrahim Mohamed Ibrahim (m) aged 36
117. Badur Eldien Araba Ismail (m) aged 15
118. Abdu Rahman Ali Khatir (m) aged 37
119. Sadam Abkar Adam (m) aged 25
120. Abdu Alzain (m) aged 11
121. Adil Abdallah Mohamed Abdul Rahman (m) aged 32
122. Ibrahim Abkar (m) aged 23
123. Haroun Hussein Abdul Raheem (m) aged 18
124. Abdul Raziq Mohamed Abkar Ibrahim (m) aged 34

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| 125. Abdalla Musa Bashir (m) aged 32    | 146. Ahmed Mohamed Abkar (m)             |
| 126. Mohamed Khamis (m) aged 31         | 147. Abu Bakar                           |
| 127. Adam Abdul Gadir Abkar (m) aged 29 | 148. Omer Abu Bakar (m)                  |
| 128. Abdalla Ahmed Adam (m) aged 34     | 149. Gamer Eldien Ahmed (m)              |
| 129. Mansour Yahiya Suliman (m) aged 44 | 150. Abdul Rahman Ali (m)                |
| 130. Saeed Zakaria Ali (m) aged 32      | 151. Abu Algasim (m)                     |
| 131. Abdul Aziz Osman (m)               | 152. Ibrahim Ahmed (m)                   |
| 132. Adil Abu Bakar Haroun (m)          | 153. Alrashed (m)                        |
| 133. Mohamed Musa Jumma (m)             | 154. Ali Mohamed Ishaq (m)               |
| 134. Abdul Raziq Abkar Mohamed (m)      | 155. Abdallah Abkar Ali (m)              |
| 135. Salah Yahiya Mohamed (m)           | 156. Altoom Ismail Ali (m)               |
| 136. Abdallah Adoma Adam (m)            | 157. Yasir Yagoup (m)                    |
| 137. Ismail Abdallah Mohamed (m)        | 158. Abkar Jumma                         |
| 138. Mohamed Adam Abdul Rahman (m)      | 159. Ahmed Abkar                         |
| 139. Haytham Yosef Omer (m)             | 160. Ahmed Hassan                        |
| 140. Ahmed Musa Ahmed (m)               | 161. Yasir Mohamed                       |
| 141. Izz Eldien Zakaria Ali (m)         | 162. Mohamed Abkar                       |
| 142. Abdul Aeem Adam Ismail (m)         | 163. Mohamed Ahmed (m)                   |
| 143. Saboon Ahmed Arbab (m)             | 164. Hassan (m)                          |
| 144. Mohamed Abkar Jumma (m)            | 165. Hassan Mohamed Dahia (m) aged 35    |
| 145. Shareef Adam Sharaf Eldien (m)     | 166. Hussein Abdallah Alnoor (m) aged 36 |
|                                         | 167. Ahmed Mohamed Abdallah (m) aged 23  |
|                                         | 168. Hamad Osman Ali (m) aged 32         |
|                                         | 169. Hassan Ibrahim (m) aged 42          |

170. Jumma Haroun Mohamed (m) aged 38
171. Hassan Ali Ibrahim (m) aged 34
172. Ameer Adam Ibrahim (m) aged 26
173. Adam Ahmed Adam (m) aged 29
174. Salah Isa Adam (m) aged 31
175. Abu Algasim Abdalla Yagoup (m) aged 22
176. Mustafa Abdul Rahman (m) aged 52
177. Farah Ahmed Hassan (m) aged 21
178. Mawia Jumma Mohamed (m) aged 20
179. Yassine Adam Abul Rahman (m) aged 74
180. Nabil Arbab Matter (m) aged 21
181. Ibrahim Arbab Matter (m) aged 35
182. Kabashi Mohamed Abdul Kareem (m) aged 19
183. Saad Daoud Adam (m) aged 18
184. Abdallah Mohamed Haroun (m) aged 37
185. Alnoor Aldoma Adam (m) aged 34
186. Alzubir Yousef Ahmed (m) aged 22
187. Murtada Alsadiq (m) aged 25
188. Mohamed Abu Bakar Jumma (m) aged 74
189. Ahmed Ibrahim Jumma (m) aged 37
190. Adam Mohamed Ali(m) aged 22
191. Hussein Musa Mohamed (m) aged 18
192. Faisal Musa Mohamed (m) aged 18
193. Mustafa Bashir Mohamed (m) aged 42
194. Mudthier Ibrahim Adam (m) aged 28
195. Abdul Rahman Adam Ahmed (m) aged 36
196. Abkar Ibrahim Saad Allah (m) aged d39
197. Ibrahim Abdallah Saad Allah (m) aged 33
198. Hub Eldien Adam Abdallah (m) aged 32
199. Mohamed Ismail Adam Omer (m) aged 35
200. Tebin Maki Adam (m) aged 22

201. Ismail Adam Ali (m) aged 37
202. Jedo Matter Mohamed (m) aged 22
203. Abdallah Alnoor Ismail (m) aged 32
204. Abdul RAZIQ Salih Ali (m) aged 21
205. Abdul Hafiz Ibrahim (m) aged 32
206. Haytham Omer Yosef (m) aged 21
207. Esaam Mohamed Mohamoud (m) aged 20
208. Izz Elden Suleiman (m)
209. Ibrahim Adam Abdallah (m) aged 36
210. Musa Ahmed Musa (m)
211. Faiza Hashem Abdul Rahman (m) aged 19
212. Faiza Hashem Abdul Rahman(m) aged 19
213. Adam Osman Rajab (m)
214. Khamis Adam Musa (m)
215. Adam Khamis Adam (m)
216. Easma Khamis Adam (m)
217. Abdul Rahman (m)
218. Said Eldien Abdul Rahman (m)
219. Adam Abdul Rahman (m)
220. Zakaria Mohamed Abu Shanab (m)
221. Yasir Ahmed Haran (m)
222. Abdul Hade Abdul Raheem Abdallah (m)
223. Abdul Aziz Osman (m)
224. Ahmed Mohamed Abakar (m) aged 23
225. Salima Ibarhim Ismail (f) aged 28
226. Hamada Ahmed Adam (m) aged 32
227. Alrashed Ali Abkar (m)
228. Ahmed Ibrahim Abdul Rahman
229. Mohamed Hussein Suleiman
230. Abdallah Ahmed Sharaf Eldien (m)
231. Salih Abkar (m)
232. Ahmed Mohamed Abkar (m) aged 23
233. Fadul Aboh Isa (m) aged 36
234. Alsaadiq Mohamed Khalil (m) aged 43
235. Abdul Rahman Khalil Suleiman (m) aged 37
236. Abdul Salam Abkar Ali (m) aged 39



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| 237. Alrashed Khalil Sulieman (m)<br>aged 30     | 245. Abdallah Daudi Ahmed (m) aged<br>24       |
| 238. Altoom Ismail Ali (m) aged 54               | 246. Noor Eldien Mohamed Haroun<br>(m) aged 32 |
| 239. Mohamed Ibrahim Abdul<br>Rahman (m) aged 33 | 247. Hassan Adam Jumma (m) aged<br>21          |
| 240. Mohamed Hassan Suleiman (m)<br>aged 18      | 248. Hussein Mubarak Salim (m)<br>aged 20      |
| 241. Abdul Raziq Sharaf Eldein (m)<br>aged 26    | 249. Omer Adam Ishaq (m) aged 32               |
| 242. Mohamed Khatir (m) aged 42                  | 250. Fatma Adam Yousef (f) aged 34             |
| 243. Noah Mohamed Abdallah (m)<br>aged 15        | 251. Mohamed Ishaq Dahia (m) aged<br>31        |
| 244. Abdo Musa (m) aged 39                       |                                                |

### **Violations perpetrated by Arab militia**

On 5 November 2023, 27 men from the Massalite tribe were abducted by Arab Militias affiliated to RSF in Ardmata. The men were transferred to Undouin Primary School located in the Undouin neighborhood in Elgenina. They were demanded to pay a sum of 3,000,000 Sudanese Pounds each as ransom. With the intervention of the Arab tribal leaders, the men were released on 7 November 2023 without paying the said ransom.

Another group of 35 people from the Massalite tribe aged between 14 to 40 years were arrested in Ardmata by Arab Militias. The group was taken to Sebera Airport located in the North East of Elgenina however, the status of the detainees is unknown.

### **Status of SAF military bases in Darfur**

On 26 October 2023, the second biggest SAF base was seized by RSF following SAF withdrawal under the command of Major General Hussein Jadate. Later, on 1 November 2023, Gen. Jadate was seen at Wad Sayedna Military Hospital in Omdurman when Gen. Abdul Fatah Al-Burhan, the SAF high command visited him.

On 31 October 2023, RSF seized the SAF Military base in Zalingi, Central Darfur. On 3 November 2023, two SAF bases in Nitrite and Golo were seized by SPLM/Abdul Wahid Noor.

On 19 November 2023, RSF announced that they had arrested Colonel Mohamed Ibrahim (a SAF official) from Central Africa Republic (CAR) where he and his troops had fled. Col. Ibrahim was the commander of the SAF base in Alradoun, South Darfur bordering CAR.

## **Role of the Massalite Kingdom**

The Massalite Native Administration head also known as Sultan, Mr. Saad Bahar Eldien Abdul Rahman fled to Chad in April 2023 shortly before his house was raided by armed Arab members, some of whom were well-known residents of the Aljabal neighborhood in Elgenina on 28 April 2023. The raiders accused the Sultan of participating in the armed conflict using the Massalite Kingdom Forces previously known as Self Defense (MSD) Forces and allying with SPLM/SA and SAF. The raid resulted in the death of Mohamed Saad and his brother, Tariq Bahar Eldien (the Sultan's children), the female family members were threatened and assaulted, and property looted including seven vehicles and gold jewelry. Mr. Assad Bahar Eldien, the Sultan's younger brother, and his nephew, Yasir Yahiya were arrested at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm respectively on the same day. The two were detained at an unknown location in Undouin the neighborhood.

## **Other developments in July 2023**

On 17 July 2023, SAF came up with an initiative aimed at restoring the situation in the state. On 18 July 2023, both Arab and Masalite tribes represented by their leaders signed a ceasefire agreement in Elgenina. The Arab tribe was represented by Mr. Masar Mohamed Asil and the Massalite was represented by Mr. Salih Arbab.

Following the signing of the ceasefire agreement between Massalite and Arab tribes, residents volunteered to remove corpses from the streets in Elgenina and accorded them a decent burial. This also applied to the corpses of Massalite people in the neighborhoods of Aljabal, Aljmarik, Althura, and Altdamoun and the Arab victims in Alsafa, Alnaseem, Alengaz, Alshati, Undouin and Aljabal neighborhoods.

### **Attempted assassination of the acting Governor**

On 22 July 2023, the community leaders issued a statement and announced the appointment of the Deputy Governor Mr. Eltijani Kashoum as acting Governor after the demise of Gen. Khamis.

On 18 November 2023, Mr. Karshoum survived an assassination attempt while in Ardmata. This prompted him to transfer his office from Ardmata to Asnar Alsuna mosque temporarily. According to a reliable source, the attacker was captured by Mr. Karshoum's guards but the details about the incident have been concealed.

### **Mass graves**

There is a grave in the Shikri Anga locality where several SPLM/SA were buried. The fighters were involved in a gunfight with the resident of Shukri Anga whilst attempting to flee to Chad after the death of Gen. Khamis. This resulted in the death of thousands of the fighters who were then buried in a mass grave.

Another mass grave was discovered in Dersia and Alaradiba in West Darfur where several Arab victims were buried.

There is a third Mass grave near a bus station in Elgenina where victims of the 24 April 2023 attacks were buried. Several people lost their lives as a result of the gunfights between SAF, RSF, and affiliated militia when SAF launched an attack on the Alnaseem neighborhood.

The fourth mass grave is located next to Aljeel primary school in Elgenina where 45 victims of a clash between RSF supported by Arab militia against SAF and SPLM/SA were buried. However, ACJPS was unable to verify whether the victims were civilians or from the warring parties.

ACJPS discovered another mass grave at Kaga Valley in a place called Faki Narga.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Uphold the rights of civilians, including their right to life.
2. Engage in peaceful dialogue to find a lasting and peaceful solution to the conflict.
3. Prioritize the well-being of the people of Sudan.
4. End the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war.
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. Allow safe access to humanitarian services for displaced people.

**2) Sudanese Authorities should:**

1. Carry out an independent and impartial investigation into the cases of extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests detention, and sexual violations and hold perpetrators accountable.
2. Provide free rehabilitation services and compensation to victims.
3. Uphold Sudan's international obligations under relevant regional and international treaties which Sudan ratified by immediately carrying out independent, transparent, and effective investigations to determine 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.
4. Provide humanitarian services to people fleeing the war.

3) The **international community** should:

1. Prioritize the protection of civilians and the security situation in Sudan
2. The United Nations Human Rights Council must prioritize the pursuit of justice for the victims of the Sudan War.
3. 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.
4. Deploy resources to ensure the protection of civilians in Sudan and assist with independent and impartial investigations of human rights violations to ensure accountability.
5. Provide humanitarian assistance to civilians who are feeling the war.