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Press Release: The Global Campaign Raises Alarm Over Mass Arrests and Civilian Mistreatment in Khartoum Following Shifts in Control

The Global Campaign & Emergency Humanitarian Response for South Sudanese in Sudan is gravely concerned by mounting reports of **mass arrests, abductions, and inhumane treatment of civilians** in Khartoum following the Sudanese Armed Forces' (SAF) recent advances into areas previously controlled by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

According to testimonies and field reports, **South Sudanese civilians** who remained in or survived RSF-occupied areas—particularly **Mayo, Haj Yousif, and Jebel Aulia** —are being subjected to **arbitrary detention, gruesome violence, and allegations of collaboration** with armed actors.

First-hand accounts describe **civilians being forcibly removed from their homes, tortured, and executed with machetes or blunt weapons**, often in front of their families. **Bodies are left in the streets** as messages of terror. **Victims are reportedly selected based on physical appearance, dialect, or presumed affiliations**, raising serious concerns of discriminatory targeting and retaliatory violence.

Several reports identify the involvement of **armed groups/militia operating under the SAF**, including the **Al-Baraa and Special Operations Brigades**, in perpetrating these atrocities.

We (act4SouthSudanese.org) extend our **deepest condolences** to the families and communities who have lost loved ones and remain at risk. These violations reflect an **unfolding humanitarian emergency** that demands urgent international action.

This is not the first time the Global Campaign has raised the alarm. Following the **Kanabi atrocities**, we formally **petitioned the United Nations** to investigate violence against South Sudanese communities. We now reiterate our call with even greater urgency.



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We urgently call on:

- The **Sudanese Armed Forces** to **halt arbitrary arrests** and **uphold the rights and safety of civilians** under international law;
- The **International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (ICRC/IFRC)** to investigate the **treatment of detainees**, particularly potential **prisoners of war**;
- The **Embassy of South Sudan in Khartoum** to **launch immediate investigations**, ensure **consular access**, and advocate for detained nationals;
- The **United Nations, African Union, and IGAD** to **launch independent investigations** and to establish **protective mechanisms** for at-risk populations.

We also express profound respect for **humanitarian organizations** continuing to operate in Sudan under extreme and dangerous conditions. Their work remains vital and must be protected and supported.

This crisis is not just a regional issue—it is a **moral emergency**. The targeting and terrorizing of civilians cannot continue in silence. The Global Campaign remains committed to amplifying the voices of victims and advocating for an urgent, coordinated international response.

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