**Demanding the withdrawal of the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) from Eastern Sudan**

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Addressed to

Citizens of Eastern Sudan

The Sudanese People

Government of Sudan

The International Community

The citizens of Eastern Sudan, in their three states (the Red Sea, Kassala and Gedaref) have suffered from the civil war that took place in large parts of the area and paid a high price for it. They were therefore the first to welcome the signing of the peace agreements that took place in (Naivasha, Cairo and Asmara) and succeeded in the cease-fire agreement.

Although the peace agreements did not meet all their aspirations for development, justice and freedom, they remained very keen in maintaining peace and cooperated in this regard with all parties involved, including the Sudanese Government, Security and Sudanese Military Forces.

Unfortunately, since December 2017, different armed forces and militias have been violating the region’s peace and are jeopardising the peace agreements.

Large numbers of Rapid Support Forces arrived in the states of Kassala and the Red Sea and spread along the border with Eritrea and on the outskirts of and inside the cities and surrounding villages. These forces have since their arrival confiscated goods and produce from the locals and detained and persecuted them. On (3 February 2018), three of the soldiers tried to abduct (or possibly rape or harass) a girl in the centre of the city of Kassala and when confronted by the locals, they opened fire and shot a young man named Mustafa Obaid Demblab inflicting hand injuries.

On February 12, 2018, they barged into a house in Hamed Wakil compound in the city of Kassala and opened fire. As a result, the martyr Khadr Muhammad (Karkareeb) was killed instantly without any guilt being committed in front of his family in the middle of the night (May Allah have mercy on his soul and for him to be the last oppressed). These are just a few examples of the endless violations that have been occurring.

As citizens of the region, we are concerned with its stability and well-being.

We would like to clarify and emphasize the following:

1. We support the sovereignty and unity of Sudan and the preservation of its territories from aggression and external pursuit. We must on this occasion remind the federal government that Sudan and its eastern region is currently occupied by foreign countries.

Egypt occupies a triangle (Halaib-Shalatin-Abo Ramad) and Ethiopia occupies vast areas in the states of Gedaref and Sennar and its army (called Shifta) kills and repeatedly loots Sudanese citizens which is also reported in the local newspapers. We are ready to support any efforts to restore these territories to secure the return of all Sudanese lands upon the completion of the necessary negotiations with the concerned countries. The party that has the sole responsibility and is legally mandated of defending our homeland in the face of other countries is the Armed Forces, for which we have full.

1. “Rapid Support Forces” were created in 2013 by the Janjaweed militia. The media, local community and international community have documented many of their crimes in Darfur, Kordofan and other parts of Sudan. It is evident that members of the said group lack any military discipline and respect for the laws. Therefore, the dispatch of these forces to Eastern Sudan is rejected on principle.

The violations that have commenced within weeks of their arrival confirm beyond any doubt that the Eastern Sudanese citizens will be subjected to even worse crimes. We ought not to wait until more souls have been lost before action is taken. We therefore demand that these forces should be withdrawn immediately from Eastern Sudan and those involved in crimes brought to trial.

1. We urge people from Eastern Sudan, as well as all the Sudanese people and activists to be alerted about the situation in the region. The civilians in the region must be protected from these attacks, especially people who are living in marginalised areas in villages and along the borders and who are already suffering from oppressions.
2. Fourth: People in the East are living under very poor humanitarian conditions with the United Nation describing the situation in the region as its worse than Darfur. The civilian in the region are in urgent need for humanitarian assistances and development projects. The imposed siege and cover up of the conditions in the region are making matters worse for the people. Therefore, we urge the government of Sudan, local and international organizations to provide urgent assistance. The government must facilitate the access for humanitarian aid delivery to the region and allow the organizations to work freely. Fifth: Majority of the people in the region rely upon trading and working with borders countries for their livelihoods notably the Gulf region, Egypt, Ethiopian and Eritrea. Therefore, we request the government of Sudan to facilitate trading process with these countries, open the borders, roads and access including the ports with neighboring countries. The suffering must end as the region, and the country in general, is experiencing increasingly worsening livelihoods and economic conditions.

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