Sudan coup update: 140 political detainees released amidst violent crackdown on anti coup protests

The African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) has continued to monitor the continued crackdown on pro-democracy protests including arbitrary arrests and incommunicado detention of civilians and other human rights violations across Sudan since 25 October 2021.

In this report, ACJPS gives an update on various incidents resulting in serious violations of human rights of civilians that have continued to occur since last update on the Sudan Coup. The period covered is 25 October 2021 to 4 December 2021.

ACJPS has received reliable information indicating that Sudanese authorities have released 140 political detainees arrested for political reasons or for their actual or suspected involvement in anti coup protests in Sudan. Those released include 2 Cabinet Ministers, 2 state governors, 18 teachers, 24 members of the resistance committees, political activists and journalists. They were detained in various prisons across the country since the coup in October 2021. Mr. Mohamed Al-Faki Suleiman, former member of Sudanese Sovereign Council is among those released on bond.

ACJPS welcomes this release but remains concerned for the well being of hundreds still languishing in detention without charge or access to a court of law. ACJPS remains concerned for their physical safety and well-being as some are being held incommunicado. The lack of access to lawyers and family members to the detainees, together with the well-documented use by security agencies of torture and other forms of ill-treatment against detainees, particularly whilst held in unknown locations, gives rise to serious concerns for their safety. Incommunicado detention significantly enhances vulnerability to torture and other ill-treatment.

ACJPS is deeply concerned about the continued use of excessive force by authorities to crackdown protests in Sudan. Two people including a child were killed in Omdurman after the police officers shot them in the head. In Omdurman, Khartoum and Al-Obied in North Kordfan, at least 25 Peaceful protesters sustained injuries resulting from the excessive use of teargas by the police force against protesters during the November 25th anti coup rallies. Police officers threw teargas canisters directly at protesters resulting in several injuries. Use of teargas by police officers should be under the direct supervision of by an officer from the attorney general’s office who approves the use of any excessive force incases of demonstrations.

The policing of assemblies must respect human rights and must be carried out in accordance with international standards, which prohibit the use of force unless strictly necessary and proportionate. Authorities should make it clear that arbitrary or abusive use of force by security forces will be punished as a criminal offence.

Joint security forces have continued to arrest and detain civilians for their participation or suspected involvement in the pro-democracy protests. Sudanese authorities have relied on powers of arrest provided for under the Emergency and Protection of Public Safety Act of 1997 and the Criminal Procedure Act 1991 to give effect to these arrests and continued detention.
These laws grant competent authorities with wide grounds for arrest and detention and lack the requisite safeguards against arbitrary arrest and prolonged detention.

Authorities are charging political detainees with baseless trumped up charges. Five detainees including Mr. Mohamed AlFaki Suleiman, former member of the Sovereign council and Mr Ibrahim Al-Sheikh, Sudanese Minister of Industry were charged under articles 55(disclosure and obtaining information and official documents) and 58(abetement of mutiny) of the Criminal Act 1991, and later released on bond.

The Sovereign Council issued a travel ban against a former detainee preventing him from travelling for treatment abroad. According to a reliable source, a backlist from travels abroad issued a few days before coup targeted a number of former executives and some members of Freedom and Change Alliance.

ACJPS reiterates it calls to the Government of Sudan to:

- Immediately and unconditionally release of all the remaining detainees and guarantee their physical safety and wellbeing including granting access to their lawyers, family members and medical services,
- Investigate the abusive use of force including the killings and injuring of protesters with an aim to identify and hold perpetrators accountable,
- Ensure access to free treatment and rehabilitation to individuals injured through the violent dispersal by the authorities,
- End the use of excessive and unnecessary force including during the dispersal of peaceful protests,
- Stop the criminalization of peaceful protests and guarantee the rights to peaceful assembly, free expression, liberty and security of persons and prohibition on torture and other ill-treatment,
- End the state of emergency and restore the constitutional order.
Killed People

On 21 November 2021, two people were shot in the head by joint security forces in Omdurman. One died that same day whilst the other sustained injuries and passed away on 24 November. They are:

1. Yosef Abdul Hameed (m), 16
2. Elteyeb Bahar Nasir (m), 21

Protesters sustain injuries from teargas

25 Peaceful protesters sustained injuries resulting from the excessive use of teargas by the police force against protesters during the November 25th anti coup rallies in Omdurman, Khartoum and Al-obied in North Kordfan. They are:

1. Sharif Abdul Rahman (m)
2. Yousef Mutaz Yousef (m)
3. Hassam Eldien Mansour (m)
4. Sabir Hanafi (m)
5. Moab Yasir Hassan (m)
6. Musa Mohamed Sakien
7. Walla Eldien Said Baker (m)
8. Majid Jaffa Elshaib (m)
9. Burie Adam Bahar (m)
10. Murtada Hussein
11. Fatima Mohamed Osman (f)
12. Ahmed Ibrahim Ahmed (m)
13. Gasim Osama Abdul Whaab (m)
14. Kareem Elnoor Mohamed
15. Awdallah Mahi Eldien (m)
16. Musab Salah (m)
17. Mohamed Alfaris (m)
18. Mohamed Gandhi Hassan
19. Mohamed Isam Eldien Mohamed Taha (m)

Injured People in Al-obied, North Kordfan

20. Mohamed Khalil Abu Warda
21. Tomah Fad Allah (f)
22. Mehira Adam Osman
23. Munzir Alzaki (m)
24. Mohamed Osman Hanno (m)
25. Sidiq Mohamed Sidiq
Arbitrarily arrest

In November 2021, two female members of the resistance committees were arrested and taken to Omdurman central Police station before they have transferred to Omdurman Women prison. They are:

1. Rugia Kamal Mohamed (f)
2. Fatima Omer Jadallah (f)

Authorities drops charges against a former detainee

On 29 November 2021, office of attorney of crimes against State in Khartoum dropped charges under article 50 (undermining the constitutional system) of Sudanese Penal Code 1991 filed by Sudanese military against Mr Ahmed Karmas, the General director of Zakat (Islamic Found within counters apply Islamic Systems). Mr. Ahmed was arrested by the military intelligence after he refused to vacate his office following his dismissal by Chairman of the Sovereign Council, general Abdul Fatah al Burhan after the coup. Mr Ahmed was one of those appointed by Sudanese Prime Minster Dr. Abdallah Hamdook before the coup. He was arrested by the military intelligence when he argued that only the Prime Minister could dismiss him from office and that since the Prime minister resumed work without any new process of reappointment after his release, it means he was never removed from office.

Authorities ban a former detainee from travelling out of the country

On 4 December 2021, Mr Ibrahim Sheikh, the Chairperson of Fourth Council leaders of Sudanese Congress Party was banned from travelling to Egypt for medical check-up. He was informed by authorities that he should inquire about reasons for the ban from the Sudanese Sovereign Council or contact them for any other action he might want to take. The sovereign Council is the body that issued the ban to travel. On 29 November, Mr. El Sheikh was transferred from a detention center of the military intelligence for investigation on charges under articles 55(disclosure and obtaining information and official documents) and 58(abetement of mutiny pressed by office of attorney of crimes against State. The complainant in this case was SAF. The charges against him were dropped and he was released.

Released Detainees

On 24 November 2021, 75 members of resistance committees were released from Suba prison in Northern Khartoum. They were arrested from the Main Street while participating in a peaceful protest on 8 November 2021.

Between 26-28 November 2021, the following detainees were released.

1. Abdul Gadir Elias (m), he was detained in Senar state on 26 October.
2. Almahi Suleiman (m), Governor of Senar state, he was arrested on 25 October 2021
3. Dr. Amna Ahmed Alfaki (f), Governor of River Nile State. She was arrested and detained at the Sudanese Military Headquarters in Atbara since 29 October.
4. Elshazali Babkir Almahboob(m), member of democratic unionist party. He was detained in Senar State on 26 October.
5. Faisal Mohamed Saleh, a journalist and Media Adviser to the Sudanese Prime Minister. He was held at a detention center attached to headquarter of SAF in Khartoum on 25 October 2021.
6. Faiz Elskek Elselik (m), Journalist, he was detained in Khartoum on October 25 2021.
7. Hamza Farouk, a member of Sudanese Congress Party
8. Hatim Alhadi (m), he was detained on 26 October in Sena town in Senar State.
9. Khaled Omar, Minister of the Sudanese Council of Ministers and a member of the Sudanese Congress. He was reportedly tortured during his arrest.
10. Madani Abbas Madani, former Minister of Trade and Industry and Chairperson of the Sudanese Civil Front Societies. He was arrested on 25 October in Khartoum.
11. Maheir Abu Algoukh, works for Sudan TV. He was held at detention center in Khartoum North since 25 October 2021.
12. Mohamed Khatim (m), member of the Dismantle committee of Senga town in Sennar state.
13. Mohamed Naji Abdallah Alassam (m), member of Sudanese Professional Association.
14. Nazim Suraj (m), a member of Emergency Street Initiative and human rights defender. He was arrested and detained in Khartoum on 29 October 2021.
15. Noor Eldien Salah (m), member of Sudanese Congress Party
16. Sherif Mohamed Osman, the Political Secretary of the Sudanese Congress Party
17. Taha Osman, member of Sudanese Professional Association.
18. Tariq Alarash (m), member of the dismantle committee. He was detained in Senar State on 26 October.

On 8 November 2021, 65 female protesters were released from Al-Mogran and Northern Khartoum Police Stations after they were arrested while protesting peacefully in Khartoum. They are:

1. Abeer Awdallah Bushara
2. Afaaq Abdallah Mohamed Ahmed
3. Afaf Elias
4. Amani Ibrahim Mustafa
5. Amal Ahmed
6. Amal Ahmed Bakri
7. Amina Omer Alfaki
8. Awadia Hassan
9. Dina Mohamed Abdul Majid
10. Duria hamed babkir
11. Eatidal Mohamed Ibrahim
12. Egbal Alsmani
13. Ehassan Alnzir
14. Ekhlas Abdallah
15. Enshrah Mahjoob
16. Entsar Jalal
17. Gada Alnazir
18. Gadda Awad
19. Gadda Khalid
20. Gomeria Omer
21. Hala Mukhtar Babakir
22. Hala Osman
23. Halima Hamedan
24. Hanaa Mohamed Al-Hassan
25. Hassant Hamad Almasri
26. Hassnaat Moahmed Almahadir
27. Hind Widtallah
28. Howida Moahmed Hamad
29. Ihlam Hassan Hamad
30. Ishraga Mohamed Elnajeeb
31. Khada Ali Mohamed Alkenin
32. Khansaa Ahmed Mohamed
33. Maai Ahmed Elteyeb
34. Mai Ahmed Elteyeb
35. Maisaa Abdul Aziz
36. Majdaa Adam Ismail
37. Manal Abdul Rahman
38. Manal Alamin
40. Manal babkir Eltahir
41. Manal Babkir
42. Manal Matter
43. Marwa Mohamed
44. Mashaier Idris
45. Mnahil Taha Abdul Whaab
46. Nahid Alzybir Mohamed Ali
47. Nahid Omer
48. Nawal Hassan
49. Nazik Hamaad
50. Nazik Mohamed Suleiman
51. Nazik Mustafa Mohamed Ali
52. Nidal Abdul Mahmoud
53. Njood Abdul Aziem
54. Noor Alhuda Mutalib
55. Noor Elsham Al-Khalifa
56. Nuha Hassan Rahma
57. Nujoood Abdul Kareen Suleiman
58. Rajaa Elzain Ahmed L'Awad
On 9 November 2021, 18 male teachers were released after they were arrested while participating in protests the day before in response to a call by the teachers committee. Their names are:

1. Abbas Elteyeb Omer
2. Abdallah Sabir
3. Abdul Rahim Khidir Awad
4. Ahmed Mohamed Akhlhassan
5. Ahmed Mustafa Qureshi
6. Ali Obeyed
7. Allam Alhudaa Abdul Rahman
8. Ayman Mustafa Ahmed
9. Basioneey Osman Al Haj
10. Emaad Eldien Mohamed Khair
11. Emad Hassan
12. Fisal Hassan
13. Ibrahim Ahmed Osman
15. Ibrahim Mohamed Ali
16. Mansour Noor Alhuda
17. Mohamed Ahmed
18. Sid Elhassan(m)Ali Farah

On 19 November 2021, 25 members of the resistance committees were released from Suba prison after they were arrested on 13 November including two children. Their names are:

1. Hassan Mohamed Eltrifia (m), 16
2. Mohamed Mujadid Mohamed Idris (m), 17
3. Adam Abdallah (m)
4. Musa Ali (m)
5. Wadah Abdul Mutaal (m)
6. Maaz Abdu Aziem Sulie (m)
7. Mohamed Musa Hajo (m)
8. Jamal Ali (m)
9. Mohamed Awed Eltoum
10. Salah Mohamed Abdul Haiz (m)
11. Ahmed Elbagir Awad Elsied
12. Ahmed Adil Murkaz
13. Hussein Abu Aglaa Hamad ElNile
14. Mohamed Baha Eldien Side Ahmed (m)
15. Fawiz Mohamed Musa (m)
16. Muzir Bakari Osman (m)
17. Osama Shazali Taha Mohamed (m)
18. Osman Shuaib Osman (m)
19. Mustafa Maher Salah Eldien (m)
20. Ahmed AL Mustafa Mohamed
21. Suﬁyan Sabah Elnoor (m)
22. Amer Mohamed Ali (m)
23. Mohamed Abdallah Hamad (m)
24. Anwar I dries Musa Omer (m)
25. Mohamed Ahmed Osman (m)

On 26 November 2021, 5 detainees were released from Zalingi prison in Central Darfur. They were arrested on 17 November 2021. They are:

1. Samia Abdul Khair (f), member of Zalingi Hospital Association
2. Abdlaa Khidir Margan (f), member of Zalingi Hospital Association
3. Mohamed Tahir Mohamed (m), member of the resistance committee
4. Abdul Aziz Abdallah (m), member of resistance committee
5. Hamdan Zakaria (m0 member of resistance committee

On 28 November 2021, Mr Wajdi Khalifa, a member of the dismantle Committee of Algadarif State of Eastern Sudan was released. He was detained by military intelligence in Algadarif on 25 October.

On 3 December 2021, the military intelligence of Algadarif released Mr Mutaz Abdallah, also known as Tano, a 39-year-old. He was arrested during the November 21st anti coup rally.

On 26 November 2021, Mr Nadir Ali, a member of the Sudanese Congress party was released after he was arrested by military intelligence 2 November 2021.

On 26 November 2021, Mr Yasir Awaad, director of Khartoum T.V Channel was released after his arrest by the Military intelligence.

**Detainees Released on Bond**

1. On 29 November 2021, Mr. Mohamed AlFaki Suleiman, Journalist, a member of Sudanese Sovereign Council, and the chairman of Anti-Corruption and dismantle committee was transferred from a detention centre to the office of the attorney general where he was charged under articles 55(disclosure and obtaining information and ofﬁcial documents) and 58(abetement of mutiny)of the Criminal Act 1991. He was then released on bond. He was arrested on 24 October 2021.
On 30 November 2021, the following people were transferred from the detention centre to office of the attorney general and charged under articles 55(disclosure and obtaining information and official documents) and 58(abetment of mutiny) of the Criminal Act, 1991. They were released on bond. Their names are:

2. Wajdi Salih Abdo (m), member of Baath Arabic Party
3. Ibrahim Al-Sheikh, Sudanese Minister of Industry and a member of the Sudanese Congress Party
4. Ismail Al-Taj, human rights defender and member of the Sudan Professional Association
5. Eyhab Eltyeb (m), member of Sudanese Baath Party