Sudan coup update: 18 members of the Dismantle and Anti-Corruption Committee detained incommunicado, rape allegations and other violations

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 brief, ACJPS gives an update on various incidents resulting in serious violations of human rights of civilians that have continued to occur since our last update on the Sudan coup. The period covered is 1 February to 14 March 2022.

Sudanese authorities have targeted members of the Dismantle and Anti-Corruption Committee of 30 June 1989 regime with arbitrary arrest and detention. On 9 February 2022, the office of attorney general in Khartoum North issued arrest warrant against 18 members of the Committee. They were detained and charged under article 177 (2) (criminal breach of trust) of the Sudanese Criminal Act 1991, and have been held incommunicado to date at Suba prison. A police officer attached to the committee who has been held in custody since October 2021 was also charged with the same. The committee was tasked with dismantling the structures of the former regime before its dismissal by the authorities after the coup. The lack of access for lawyers and family members to the detainees, together with the well-documented use of torture by security agencies and other forms of ill-treatment against detainees gives rise to serious concerns for their safety.

ACJPS is deeply concerned about the increasing trend of rape of women in Sudan by security forces and armed militia. On 14 March 2022, at around 07:00pm, a group of seven men in Central Reserve Police uniform fired tear gas at a public vehicle carrying passengers while it approached Almuslamia bridge in Khartoum. The police officers ordered the driver of the vehicle to stop before they started beating passengers, some later ran away. One of the two female passengers on the vehicle, a 19-year-old University student was detained and reportedly raped alternately by five of the policemen before she was rescued by a resident of the area who responded to her alarms. On 12 and 13 March 2022, a court in Elfashir continued with the hearing of the case of an alleged rape of a 10-year-old child by her Qurani Teacher in a school located in Karnoi locality, North Darfur. The Case was filed by the victim’s family in November 2021. After that, police carried out investigations and discovered that several other students were raped in the same school under similar circumstances. On 16 March, hundreds of Sudanese took to the streets to demonstrate against the alleged rape of a 19-year-old woman by members of the regular forces in the evening after the March 14 March of the Millions on 14 March 2022. Recently, ACJPS documented the rape of three IDPs in Darfur by armed militia and another in RSF Uniform.

The brutality by security forces against civilians during dispersal of protest gatherings raises concerns for the respect of right to life. ACJPS documented the killing of eight peaceful protesters between 14 February and 10 March 2022 in Omdurman and Khartoum. Majority of the deceased were shot with live bullets in the upper parts of their bodies. Hundreds of protesters were wounded by live and rubber bullets, teargas canisters and stun grenades (See Annex 1 for nature injuries). In Khartoum, teargas was fired inside three medical facilities including in the emergency unit and operation theater.

Authorities have continued to charge and prosecute peaceful protesters under articles of 69 (disturbance of public peace) and 77 (public nuisance) of Sudanese Criminal Act 1991 for
participating in protests. In Port Sudan, a human rights defender was charged under article 77 (Public nuisance) and 99 (Obstructing public servant from performing the duties of his office) of the Sudanese Criminal Act 1991 after being arrested at a rally. Also in Port Sudan, 4 children arrested at a rally were charged under article 77 (Public nuisance) of the Sudanese Criminal Act 1991 and allegedly subjected to beating and hair shaving before their release. On 10 March 2022, joint security forces arrested 35 peaceful protesters and detained them in Northern Khartoum before charging them under article 77 (Public nuisance) of the Sudanese Criminal Act 1991. In Khartoum and North Kordofan, police officers subjected detainees to beating and hair shaving.

ACJPS condemns the on-going violent crack down on anti-coup protests and the silencing of political opposition members, activists, and human rights defenders through arbitrary detention, despite guarantees to the freedom of expression, association, and assembly in the 2019 Constitutional Charter for the Transitionary period.

ACJPS calls on Sudanese authorities to ensure independent and effective investigation into the circumstances of the killing and injuring protesters. Such an investigation should be thorough and impartial with the view of finding and holding the perpetrators accountable.

We further call on Sudanese authorities to:

- Investigate all allegations of rape with the aim of holding perpetrators accountable and providing compensation for the violations. A special prosecutor should be appointed to the case should the victims wish to proceed with a criminal prosecution. Authorities must guarantee the victims’ protection from reprisal.
- Immediately and unconditionally release of all detainees and guarantee their physical safety and wellbeing including granting access to their lawyers, family members and medical services.
- 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,
- End the practice of blocking access to health care services and guarantee the right to health and life for all,
- 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.
**Names of killed people**

**Omdurman**
1. Mohamed Majdi Maki (m), shot in his chest on 10 March 2022.
2. Muhtadi Hydar (m) 26, killed on 14 February 2022.
3. Faisal Ibrahim (m) 51, shot in the chest on 20 February 2022.
4. Sif Eldien Hamid Abdul Kareem (m) 25, shot in the head Omdurman on 28 February 2022.
5. Muhab Adam Gism Allah (m) 14, shot in the stomach on 28 February 2022.
6. Munzer Abdul Rahim Mohamed (m) 18, shot in the shoulder Omdurman on 14 February 2022.

**Khartoum**
7. Nabil Alfadil (m) 15, shot in his chest in Bury neighborhood on 10 March 2022.
8. Mohamed Ibrahim (m) 17, shot in chest on 14 February.

**Incommunicado detention of 18 members of Dismantle and Anti-Corruption Committee of June 30th 1989 regime**

On 9 Feb 2022, the office of attorney general of Khartoum North issued arrest warrants targeting 18 members of Dismantle and Anti-Corruption Committee of June 30th 1989 regime. In a case that has been registered under number 17490/2020, detainees have been charged under article 177 (2) (criminal breach of trust) of the Sudanese Criminal Act 1991. They are being held incommunicado at Suba prison in Khartoum North. Investigations have not yet been carried out either.

The detainees are:

1. Awaad Bashir (m)
2. Babakir Faisal (m), leader of the Democratic Unionist Party
3. Bdallah Suliman (m), Police officer who was attached to the dismal committee. He was arrested since 25 October 2021 and remained in detention. On 9 February, he was transferred to Suba prison to join the members of the Dismantle and Anti-Corruption Committee of June 30th 1989 regime.
4. Elteyeb Osman Yousef (m)
5. Faris Yahya (m)
6. Khalid Mohamed Bashir (m)
7. Khalid Omer Yousef (m), former Minster of Minsters and also member of Sudanese Congress party. He has been an active member of the Freedom and Change Alliance since 2019.
8. Mohamed Alfaki Suleiman (m), former member of Sudanese Council and member of Democratic Uninvest Party
9. Mohamed Salah Eldien (m), he contracted corona virus but authorities have forced him to remain in detention.
10. Muaz Mohamed Osman(m)
11. Mutwakil Bashir (m)
12. Nafi Ali (m)
13. Salih Ali (m)
14. Sami Balah (m)
15. Taha Osman Ishaq (m)
16. Wad Abdul Kareem (m)
17. Wajdi Salih Abdo (m), member of Baath Arabic Party. He is also the former spokesperson of the Dismantle and Anti-Corruption Committee of June 30th 1989 regime
18. Zakaria Mohamad Osman (m)

**Prosecution of peaceful protesters**

On 10 March 2022, joint security forces arrested 35 peaceful protesters and detained them in Northern Khartoum before charging them under article 77 (Public nuisance) of the Sudanese Criminal Act 1991. They were all granted bond later that same day.

In Port Sudan, the Police force arrested four children from the 10th March rally and charged them under article 77 (Public nuisance) of the Sudanese Criminal Act 1991. They were allegedly beaten by the police officers while on their way to police station. They were subjected to hair shaving before their release later at around 09:00pm.

Their names are:

1. Mohamed Aldrdiri (m), 16
2. Muntsir Altaj (m), 16
3. Ali Ahmed Ali (m), 13

On 10 March, Ms. Haram Idris, a human rights defender was arrested during an anti-coup rally in Port Sudan and charged under article 77 (Public nuisance) and 99 (Obstructing public servant from performing the duties of his office) of the Sudanese Criminal Act 1991. A police officer at the police station forcefully took her picture without giving any reasons. She was released on bond at around 9:00pm.

On 13 March 2022, Joint forces arrested nine protesters from the rally of 13th March 2022 in Khartoum Bahari. On 16 March, they appeared before the criminal court of Bahari after they were charged under articles of 69 (disturbance of public peace) and 77 (public nuisance) of Sudanese penal Criminal Act 1991. The court session was adjourned until 23 March 2022 due to the absence of the judge. All detainees were released on bond.

Their names are:

1. Abdul Rahman Mohamed Isa (m)
2. Adam Alshaeer (m)
3. Ahmed Alnzeer Mohamed Ahmed (m)
4. Ahmed Hassan Mohamed (m)
5. Ahmed Youssef Zidan (m)
On 14 March 2022, Police in Aldamzin, Blue Nile State arrested 16 protesters; amongst them are 7 children on the main street. They were taken to the police station and charged under articles 69 (disturbance of public peace) and 77 (public nuisance). On 16 March 2022, they appeared before criminal court where charges against the 7 children were dropped. Court adjourned the hearing of charges against the remaining detainees until 20 March 2022. They were released on bail.

The names of the detainees are:

1. Ibrahim Ahmed Ali (m)
2. Khidir Adil Khaidir (m)
3. Hussam Faisal Ibrahim (m)
4. Omer Suleiman Hassan (m)
5. Mohamed Ismail Mohamed (m)
6. Ayman Ibrahim Adam (m)
7. Nasur Eldien Mubarak (m)
8. Imad Eldien Abdul Salam (m)
9. Rabih Ali Ibrahim (m)
10. Mohamed Yahiya Abdul Kareem
11. Mohanad Adam
12. Najam Eldien Noor Eldien (m)
13. Khalid Mustasim (m)
14. Sabir Abdul Gadir (m)
15. Sabir Abdul Hadi (m)
16. Mazeen (m)

On 17 March 2022, police officers in Port Sudan arrested 5 peaceful protesters including a child from the 17th March rally. They were taken to the Central Police Station where they were charged under articles of 69 (disturbance of public peace) and 77 (public nuisance) Sudanese Criminal Act 1991. One of the detainees, Mr. Ismail Jaah Allah Ahmed (m), 21-years-old was injured in head as result of an alleged beating by Police. All the detainees were subjected to hair
shaving. Mr. Ismail Jaah Allah Ahmed was released on bond while the four remaining detainees were also released after making personal pledges not to participate in rallies.

**Police officers subject detainees to beating and hair shaving**

On 19 March 2022, Police in Khartoum arrested three footballers of Khartoum Club on the main street near Family Club located within Khartoum three neighborhood. The footballers identified themselves to the police patrol and added that they were on their way to one of the players’ house located nearby. Police officers arrested them and allegedly subjected them to beating. Police officers also ordered the detainees to sit down before forcefully shaving off their hair. The detainees spent more than 10 hours at police station because police officers had confiscated their mobile phones.

Their names are:

1. Youssef Fadasi
2. Mutaz Althura
3. Menan

On 21 February 2022, Police in Alobied, North Kordfan arrested two footballers of Allman football Club while they were moving after curfew time to the market next to their residence. The police ordered them to sit down and forcefully shaved off their hair. The team of Alamal football Club had travelled from Atbara in River Nile State to North Kordfan for camp training before their match with the National Khartoum Club in the Sudanese Premium league.

**Arbitrary arrest of peaceful protesters**

Joint security forces arrested 4 peaceful protesters were arrested from different areas within Khartoum State following their participation in the rally of 10th and 13th March 2022. ACJPS has been reliably informed that they are being detained at Federal detective unit of the police in Khartoum. Reason for their arrest is unknown. However, the arrest came after the killing of Sudanese Armed Forces officer deployed near the Presidential palace located in Centre of Khartoum.

The detainees are:

1. Mohamed Abdul Hamid (m), arrested in Northern Deuom neighborhood in Khartoum on 17 March 2022.
2. Monem Saied Ahmed Saied (m), arrested in Northern Deuom neighborhood in Khartoum on 10 March 2022.
4. Mutasim Ahmed Khidir (m), arrested in kalakla Neighborhood in Khartoum on 13 March 2022.
**Attack on Medical facilities**

On 28 February 2022, the joint security forces fired teargas in the surgery theater of Alarbeen hospital in Omdurman while the medical staff were treating peaceful protesters injured by bullets and teargas canisters.

On 10 March, joint forces raided three hospitals in Khartoum during 10\textsuperscript{th} March rally. The security forces are reported to have fired teargas inside the emergency unit of Faisal hospital and in the compound of Khartoum and Peoples hospital.