Annex to Case SDN 060404 Arbitrary arrests / Torture / Extra-judicial execution

Geneva, April 6th, 2004

List of the names of the victims (118 out of 168) persons identified so far who have been extra-judicially executed

A) People from Zaray village:

1. NASREL DEAN AHMED ABDEL RAHMAN 2. IDREAS AHMED ABDEL RAHMAN 3. ISMAEAL MOHAMED DAWOOD 4. NOUR ALDEAN MOHAMED DAWOOD 5. ABAKER MOHAMED ISSA 6. OMER ADAM ABDEL SHAFI 7. MOHAMED AHMED MOHAMED KHAMIS 8. OMER SIDEAG ABAKER 9. MOHAMED ABAKER ATEAM 10. ABDELLA ABDEL RAHMAN **11. MOHAMED ADAM ATEAM 12. ABAKER SALIH ABAKER** 13. ADAM YAHYA ADAM 14. ISSA ADAM **15. ISHAG ADAM BILAL 16. SIDEAG ABAKER ISHAG 17. SHAYIB ADAM ABDEL MAHMOUD**

B) People from Fairgo village:

MOHAMED MOHAMED ADAM
 ABDEL MAWLA MUSA
 HAROUN AHMED HAROUN
 MOHAMED SIDEAG YOUSIF
 BAKOUR SOULEIMAN ABAKER
 IBRAHEAM AHMED
 MOHAMED BOURMA HASSAN
 MOHAMED ISSA ADAM
 ZAKAREA ABDEL MAWLA ABAKER
 ADAM MOHAMED ABU ALGASIM
 ADAM ABDEL MAJEAD MOHAMED
 OMDA: ADAM ADAM DEGAISH
 KHALEEL ISSA TOUR

C) People from Tairgo village:

IDREAS ADAM AHMED
 YAGOUB ADAM AHMED
 ALFAKI HAROUN ADAM ISSA
 SHAREF ALDEAN SALIH MUSA

SHAREF ALDEAN ABAKER ABDEL KAREAM
 MOHAMED IBRAHEAM ARMAN
 MUSA TAHIE IBRAHEAM
 MUSA MOHAMED YAHYA
 JIBREAL MUSA MOHAMED
 YAHYA ABDEL KAREAM ABDELLA
 ADAM ABDEL KAREAM MOHAMED
 ADAM MOHAMED IDREAS
 ADAM ABDEL MAJEAD MOHAMED
 FADOUL ADAM HAMID
 ISSA HAROUN ADAM

17. YAGOUB MOHAMED YAGOUB

D) People from Kaskildo village:

1. ISHAG AHMED ISHAG 2. ISSA HAROUN ISMAEAL **3. NOURAIN IDREAS ADAM** 4. ABDEL MAWLA HAROUN IBRAHEAM 5. MOHAMED YAHYA HUSSAIN 6. SALIH YOUNIS MOHAMED 7. HAROUN MOHAMED HAROUN 8. SOULEIMAN AHMED HASSAN 9. MOHAMED ISSA HAROUN **10. IDREAS HASSAN YAHYA** 11. MUSA ADAM ABDEL MAWLA **12. ABDEL MOUMIN SALIH** 13. ABAKER ISMAEAL 14. MUSA ABDEL GADIR 15. OMDA: MOHAMED SOULEIMAN ABDEL SHAFI 16. OMDA: GANTOUR **17. ADAM ABDEL RAHMAN 18. ISMAEAL ABDEL AZIZ 19. YAYA AHMED ZAROUG** 20. MOHAMED OMER AHMED ZARUOG

E) People from Kirting village:

HASSAN ISMAEAL DAWOOD
 ALHADI ADAM ABDEL KAREEM
 FADOUL ADAM HAMID
 ADAM ABDEL MAJEED
 ABDEL RAZIG ADAM ABDEL KAREEM
 ISSA HAROUN
 YAGOUB MOHAMED
 ABDEL RAZIG ABAKER
 ALHAJ SALIH HASSAN
 FAKI SALIH ABDEL KAREEM

MOHAMED BAHER
 FAKI ISMAEAL SOULEIMAN
 FAKI ADAM ABDELLA
 ADAM ABAKER ISSA
 FAKI ABDELLA KERRY

F) People from Kuso village:

HUSSAIN ABDELLA
 SAYYID ABDELLA MUSA
 MOHAMED SALIH
 ISMAEAL
 MUSA YOUSIF
 ABAKER HUSSAIN
 YAYA YOUSIF
 FAKI YOUSIF TAGALAY
 IBRAHEAM ADAM SOULEIMAN
 AHMED ISHAG

G) People from Gaba Village:

OMDA: JIDDO KHAMEAS ABDEL KAREEM
 ALSHAIKH: ZAKAREA ABAKER ADAM
 MOHAMED ADAM MOHAMED BAHER
 ADAM MUSA YOUSIF
 HAMZA HUSSAIN ISHAG
 ABDEL KAREEM HUSSAIN ISHAG

H) People from Sogo Village:

FAKI HAROUN ABDEL RAHMAN
 YAHYA ABDEL KAREEM RIZIG
 MUSA AHMED YOUSIF
 JIBREAL MUSA AHMED
 IDREAS ADAM AHMED
 YAGOUB ADAM AHMED
 YAGOUB ADAM AHMED
 MUSA ALTAHIR ADAM
 MOHAMED IBRAHEAM NASOUR
 SHAREF ALDEAN ABAKER YAHYA
 SHAREF SALIH

I) People from Masa Village:

ABDELLA ADAM ABDEL RAHMAN
 ADAM YAHYA
 ABDELLA MUSA
 ADAM ADEL RAHMAN ISHAG
 ALSHAIKH ISMAEAL
 OMDA: MOHAMED SOULEIMAN
 OMDA: ADAM HUSSAIN

8. OMDA: AHMED GANTOUR9. OMDA: YAHYA AHMED ZAROUG10. MOHAMED OMER AHMED ZAROUG

J) People from Um Jammaina Village:
1. ALSHAIKH ADAM ABAKER RIZIG
2. MOHAMED ABAKER DAWOOD
3. MOHAMED SALIH
4. YAHYA YAGOUB IBRAHEAM
5. ADAM YAGOUB IBRAHEAM
6. OSMAN YOUSIF
7. ADAM HUSSAIN
8. HAROUN SOULEIMAN
9. ADAM SALIH ALI

Background Information

According to the information received, the situation in Darfur – which comprises the three western-most states of the country – has worsened dramatically. Sustained attacks by government forces and local Arab militias on local civilian populations have led to catastrophic levels of violence and destruction. Faced with scant government accountability and little chance of international intervention, new armed political groups such as the Sudanese Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/SLA), and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) have emerged within the region.

While there were initial efforts to pursue a political resolution to the problem, these attempts degenerated into violence when the Government of Sudan (GoS) and the rebel groups resorted to the use of violence. Since this point, the GoS has systematically attempted to crush the insurgency using aerial bombardment, militia forces and regular armed forces.

Darfur, a region that has traditionally suffered from massive underdevelopment, lack of infrastructure and resources, is now in the grip of a conflict that threatens the lives of many of its inhabitants. Hundreds of villages have been destroyed, populations forced to flee their homes to areas both within Darfur state and also to neighbouring Chad. Human rights violations have now grown to unprecedented levels. Special courts - which were convened under the premise of preventing murder and armed robbery - have in fact further aggravated the situation, since they fail to adhere to international human rights procedures or even basic standards of justice.

Armed groups with no basic command and control structure terrorise local populations, committing rape, extra judicial killings, arbitrary arrests, robbery and arson. While there have been some reports of atrocities being committed by the rebel groups, the overwhelming majority of these violations still remains the responsibility of government forces and government sponsored militia groups. Civilians, who stand in the middle of this conflict, bear the overwhelming brunt of human rights violations; something which they have little means to defend themselves against. Over the course of the last year, the escalating violence has disproportionably affected "African" tribes in the area such as Fur, Zaghawa and Massalit. These tribes have complained for some time about indiscriminate attacks by nomadic groups, mainly based around access to resources and grazing rights. In the last year however, the crisis has taken on a far more overtly political and pernicious tone, with insecurity increasing as one side have found governmental support for their efforts to drive the indigenous tribes from their lands.

On 3 September 2003 in Abachi, Chad, an agreement between the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) and the Government of Sudan (GoS) looked set to improve the situation. The agreement documented the need for ceasefire, the release of prisoners of war involved in events in Darfur and the cessation of all operations that contributed to the deterioration of security in the region. As a result, around 100 political prisoners were released in Khartoum and Darfur.

However, while these initial steps seemed promising, the situation in Darfur subsequently took a turn for the worse and continued to deteriorate with the collapse of the peace talks between the SLA and the GoS in N'djamena, Chad. The fighting resumed even with the extension of the ceasefire agreement. The conflict now continues with pitched battles ensuing between the government and government-sponsored militias on side and rebel groups such as the SLA and JEM on the other.

To quell the armed political groups, the GoS launched a military campaign using its own forces and armed proxy militia, the Janjaweed (armed men on horses). The Janjaweed, supported by GoS, launched an armed campaign against those who are suspected of supporting the SLA or JEM - alleged to be African tribes - such as the Fur and Zaghawa, as well as Arab tribes that are not cooperating such as the Dorok.

The move to attack non-combatants escalated the crisis exponentially. According to UN estimates (IRIN, 8 December 2003), the crisis now affects more than one million persons, with 3,000 reported killed, 670,000 internally displaced, with approximately 100,000 living as refugees in neighbouring Chad. There have been numerous reported cases of well-coordinated attacks on towns and villages and areas thought to be rebel strongholds by well-armed government militia & government forces.

Where the ground based attacks are concerned, there has been a sustained campaign which targets civilians and civilian infrastructure. Typically raids take place in the early hours of the morning, often burning entire villages to the ground. In addition, cattle are killed or looted, crops destroyed and the inhabitants forced to flee for their lives. The stated aim of such action according to local inhabitants is to destroy the livelihood of those living in the area and to make difficult the survival of those who become refugees.

Indiscriminate aerial bombardment of towns and villages by government Antonov aircraft also augment such attacks. These bombings take place in areas where the opposition to the government and militia are thought to be strongest, although there is no effort to distinguish civilian from non-civilian targets. As Amnesty International has pointed out, the bombings usually consist of shrapnel filled boxes being ejected from the back of planes. In addition helicopter gunships also shell villages and their inhabitants. Taken together such bombardments can be extremely destructive, levying high and indiscriminate amounts of damage.

Where human rights are concerned, emerging reports show that human rights abuses are rife in the region. The overwhelming majority of the atrocities committed stem from Janjaweed and GoS sponsored action. Civilians, primarily due to the indiscriminate way in which GoS action is pursued, inevitably make up the overwhelming majority of the casualties. There have also been some reports of abuses lead by the SLA and JEM, but these are relatively few relative to those sponsored by the GoS and militia at the time of writing

All of these problems have compounded an already difficult humanitarian situation. There is clear evidence that the GoS is imposing severe restrictions on humanitarian relief organisations and that IDP's and refugees are being placed in an extremely vulnerable and dangerous situation. The states of Darfur are naturally geographically remote which make the reporting of human rights violations difficult. This situation and the dearth of information is however being compounded by GoS attempts to place reporting restrictions and restrictions on the media in the area.

The government, which views the insurgency as a security threat, has called on Darfur's tribes to "defend" their homes and property, and support the government's attempt to fight the rebels. This stands at odds however with the ingoing terror campaigns and the large humanitarian toll being exacted on the inhabitants of the region.

(Information provided by the Sudanese Organisation Against Torture, a member of the OMCT network)