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**AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION CEASEFIRE  
VIOLATION REPORTS**

1. Forwarded here, please find under listed reports for your information and necessary action.
  - a. **Ceasefire Violation Report on the Attack on Debba Toka.**
  - b. **Ceasefire Violation Report on the Incident at Kalma IDP Camp.**
  - c. **Ceasefire Violation Report on the Attack in Nortig Village.**
  - d. **Ceasefire Violation Report on the Abduction of Health Workers in Kutum.**
  - e. **Ceasefire Violation Report on the Incident in Dar Essalam and Wada General Area.**
  - f. **Ceasefire Violation Report on the Act of Banditry in Kandobe and Anuguno Villages.**
  - g. **Ceasefire Violation Report on the Attack in Hashaba and Gallab Villages.**

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2. Members of the Commission believe it is important for the parties to take appropriate measures to implement the recommendation of the Commission. All comments on this report should please be forwarded to the Headquarters CFC within two weeks from the date of this letter. The CFC has the authority of the African Union Commission to release violation reports to AU partners on the expiration of the two weeks deadline.

3. Accept for your information and necessary action please.



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**JC - Chairman Joint Commission**

**GOS**

**SLA**


**JEM**

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**Director Peace and Security**  
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**COMMISSION CEASEFIRE REPORT ON THE INCIDENT  
IN DAR ESSALAM AND WADA GENERAL AREA**

**References:**

- A. Written Complaint from Mema Trise Chief dated 14 Aug 04.
- B. Written Complaint from Alleged Victim dated 16 Aug 04.
- C. Written Complaint from GOS dated 18 Aug 04.
- D. HQ/SEC 1/OPS/1/G dated 28 Aug 04.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The government of Sudan (GOS) filed a complaint to HQ CFC accusing the SLA of a ceasefire violation in the general area of Dar Essalam and Wada. The GOS alleged that the attack on the civil population was carried out in the village which led to the death of 3 persons and 1 injured.

2. A team composed of 7 MILOBs was tasked to investigate the complaint on 24 and 25 August 04 respectively.

**ASSESSMENT**

3. The arming of people in Dar Essalam with weapons created the problem by attracting bandits to confiscate these weapons. Mohammed Janjaweed committed crimes against the civil population such as looting, arson, and murder.

4. Mohammed Janjaweed also assumed the authority of SLA and misused this authority by committing crimes.

**CONCLUSION**


5. On 18 Aug 04, a complaint was filed to HQ CFC accusing SLA of committing acts of atrocities in the village of Dar Essalam and it environs. Upon investigation, it was discovered that Mohammed Janjaweed while claiming to be an SLA member, committed acts of abduction, assaults, killing and unlawful collection of taxes between 13 and 16 Aug 04.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

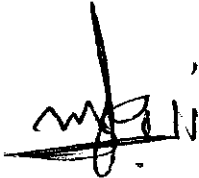
6. It is recommended that:

- a. The SLA must enforce control over its troops. The SLA must neutralize groups harassing the local population and provide security.

- b. Mohammed Janjaweed must face legal action for his crimes
- c. The CFC must be informed by SLA of the actions taken against Mohammed Janjaweed.
- d. The SLA, JEM and GOS must enforce a weapon control process. Weapons have to be certified and registered in their controlled areas. This will be the first step of a future disarmament process.



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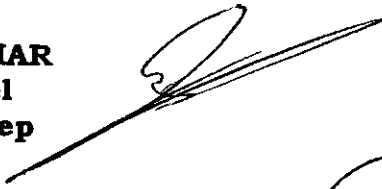


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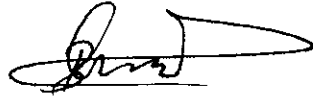


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Enclosure:

1. **Investigation Report on the Complaint against SLA and JEM in Dar Essalam and Wada General Area dated 28 August 2004.**

**Distribution:**

**External:**

**Action:**

**AU - Commissioner for Peace and Security**  
**JC - Chairman Joint Commission**  
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28 Aug 04

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**INVESTIGATION REPORT ON COMPLAINTS AGAINST SLA AND JEM IN DAR  
ESSALAM AND WADA GENERAL AREA**

References:

- A. Humanitarian Ceasefire Agreement of 8 April 04.
- B. Written Complaint from the GOS dated 18 Aug 04.
- C. Written Complaint from Mema Tribe Chief dated 14 Aug 04.
- D. Written Complaint from an Alleged Victim dated 16 Aug 04.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. References B to D are complaints alleged to be cease fire violations committed by SLA and JEM in the general area of Dar Essalam and Wada which are South East of El Fasher. The complaints stated that SLA and JEM forces took Mohammed Adam Ahmed Bakheet from his residence in the village of Wadi Kota in Dar Essalam Unit to Ed El Baida where he was tortured. It was also reported that the SLA and JEM attacked Gusa Jamat Village in the area of Wada and attempted to take a vehicle belonging to Ismail Ahmed Sabeel but they did not find him at his home. Subsequently, the group went to the house of Saleh Talib who was away from home and abducted his wife Zoobayda Ibrahim. An attempt by the locals to rescue Zoobayda attracted fire from the attackers which was said to have left 3 persons dead and one injured. Further, it was alleged that a group of rebels numbering between 30 and 80 using 3 vehicles had entered Umm Saouna area in the locality of Umm Kaddada and erected tents at the police station. It was stated that this group claimed to have liberated the area and began to collect taxes from the locals.

2. In order to verify these allegations leveled against the SLA and JEM, team A of sector 1 visited Abu Deleyk, Ed El Baida, Wadi Kota, Bahar Abdurahaman, Wada and Gusa Jamat on 24 and 25 Aug 04. These towns fall within a radius of 131kms South East of Al-Fashir. Several eye witnesses were interviewed to enable the team come up with this report. Additionally, the team was tasked to ascertain the current general situation within the general area.

**INVESTIGATION**

3. In Wadi Kota, Mohammed Abdallah Mohammed claimed that he was present when Mohammed Adam Ahmed Bakheet was abducted. He narrated that on 19 Jul 04, Mohammed Janjaweed of the SLA movement accused Bakheet of being with the government and asked him to submit the gun he had acquired to the SLA authority

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but Bakheet responded that he had sold the gun to another buyer. Consequently, he was abducted by Mohammed Janjaweed and taken to Ed El Baida where his hands and legs were tied. He was later released on 21 Jul after his parents had secured the gun at a ransom and gave it to Mohammed Janjaweed. Bakheet who was said to be receiving treatment in Al-Fashir Teaching hospital could neither be located in the hospital register nor the police No 8 report book in Al-Fashir at the time of investigation. Another witness Suleiman Mohammed said Mohammed Janjaweed asked him if he was a member of the native administration in Wadi Kota and when he affirmed, he was disarmed and his gun taken away to Ed El Baida; the base of the leader's group. It was revealed that this group, who claim to be SLA, had disarmed over 7 persons in Wadi Kota. Ibrahim Adam Abubakar is one of the native administrators responsible for the village borehole. He complained that this group had taken sugar, oil and a sum of One Hundred and Eight Thousand Dinars meant for borehole maintenance from him. He added that this group often gave a paper of guarantee to their victims stamped SLA and signed after collecting any items or money. It was also gathered that armed men often attack the general area and robbed the locals of their possessions. The team attempted to confront Mohammed Janjaweed at Ed El Baida with these allegations but he was said to have returned to Jabel Mara barely 24 hours before the team's visit.

4. On 25 Aug 04 at Gusa Jamat, Sumani Mukhtar a native said he was in the market square when the opposition group attempted to snatch a vehicle but failed to do since they could not locate the driver in his home. In retaliation the group took the driver's wife Zoobayda Ibrahim as hostage. While attempting to escape through the market square with Zoobayda, the relatives of the woman protested by shouting that the group had taken their money, guns and property but they would not allow them have their women also. Zoobayda was eventually released but when the leader of the opposition group arrived at the scene and learnt of the release, he got mad and shot Adam Ibrahim Daoud dead for advocating for Zoobayda's release. The group also shot Adam Ahmed Mohammed dead in an attempt to disarm him of his knife. His father Ahmed Mohammed Adam who rushed to the scene to rescue his son also lost his life in the process.

5. All the three dead bodies were buried in the same grave which was shown to the team. Ibrahim Terab Sebil who witnessed the incident added that this same group had come five times consecutively during market days i.e. Saturdays. Most times they had gone away with free items but on that black Saturday they escaped leaving behind Zoobayda and the vehicle they had snatched earlier. The team tried to establish whether some of the natives of the town belonged to this group but the natives disclosed that the faces of the hoodlums were strange to the people of Gusa Jamat. They complained that the group extorted their water income and took animal taxes from the citizens and gave stamped bills like the Mohammed Janjaweed group. The locals were of the opinion that the group belong to the SLA. The police post in the village had long been abandoned and there is no form of security for lives and property. Other villages like Wada are experiencing raids from nomads and extortion from people claiming to be members of the opposition groups. Bahar Abdurahaman and Abu Deleyk villages are also victims of the extortion business. Water revenues and animal taxes are being taken away from the locals by some unknown persons who claim to be members of opposition groups. Only the town of Ed El Baida where Mohammed Janjaweed is resident did not complain of extortion and robbery.



**ASSESSMENT**

6. Patrols carried out within a radius of 131kms South East of Al-Fashir revealed that there is an on going arms race within the general area. A good number of people seeking security had acquired arms and some persons had given out the identity of people in possession of arms to a group claiming to be SLA. Apparently, this group is undertaking a disarmament business in the general area of Dar Essalam and Wada. Additionally, they have taken revenue generated from water and animal taxes unlawfully and further dispossessed people of their vehicles and properties claiming to be the authority in the general area. The business of dispossession often attracted some form of resistance from owners which sometimes has resulted in injury or death of some persons.

**CONCLUSION**

7. Eyewitnesses confirmed that Mohammed Adam Ahmed Bakeet was abducted on 19 Jul 04 and taken to Ed El Baida by Mohammed Janjaweed and his group. This was because Bakheet was perceived not to be cooperating with the group since he claimed he had sold the gun he formerly had in his possession. He was ill treated and released on 21 Jul after his parents had secured the gun and given it to Mohammed Janjaweed. In Gusa Jamat, the locals affirmed that persons perceived to be SLA had attempted to commandeer a vehicle but when venture was aborted, they abducted the wife of the driver Zoobayda. Adam Ibrahim Dawood, Adam Ahmed Mohammed and his father Ahmed Mohammed Adam were shot dead when the deceased and the locals protested the abduction of Zoobayda. Also worrisome is the presence of robbery, extortion and general insecurity of lives and property in Dar Essalam and Wada general area. The inhabitants are left at the mercy of hoodlums since there is no police or government presence in the entire area. Although the government had initially claimed to have their troops deployed in this area, the team discovered that the information was invalid since there are no government troops in the visited areas. Similar cases of extortion in Umm Saouna SE of Nyala would be better handled by a joint verification team of sector 2 and leaders of the SLA and JEM.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

8. The following are recommended:
- a. AU CFC should constitute a joint verification team consisting of SLA and JEM leaders that would visit Dar Essalam and Wada areas to establish the identities of the groups claiming to be opposition parties.
  - b. Leaders of the SLA and JEM are to ensure that extortion within their AOR is curbed and subsequently provide adequate security for lives and property.
  - c. The killers of the 3 persons at the Gusa Jamat village should be fished out by the SLA and JEM and subsequently face legal action.

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