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Excellency,

Further to my letter No. SUN/133/13 dated April 30, 2013 through which I urged the Security Council to condemn the barbaric aggression by the SPLM-Northern Sector and the so-called Revolutionary Front against a number of towns in the states of North and South Kordofan, I have the honour to enclose herewith an article by Mr. Mubarak M. Musa regarding the massacres and atrocities perpetrated by the SPLM-Northern Sector and the so-called Revolutionary Front against innocent civilians in North and South Kordofan villages and towns.

While conveying this, I would like again to urgently urge the Security Council to condemn this act of terror committed by the SPLM-N and the so-called Revolutionary Front rebels.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Against the backdrop of the massacres at Abu Karshola area
NOTHING CAN JUSTIFY TERRORISM

By: Mubarak M. Musa

The unraveling of the horrific atrocities and senseless barbarism perpetrated few days ago in northern Kordofan's region by the so-called Sudan Revolutionary Front, unmasks repeatedly again the true ugly face of these criminal groupings.

At a time when the protection of civilians in conflict situations has become increasingly ingrained and acknowledged worldwide, the SRF militias in a stereotyping disregard for the lives of the very citizens, whom they purportedly project themselves to be struggling for, massacred more than hundred and fifty people, most of them were non combatant civilians in north Kordofan's towns in a sheer acts of terror. In the town of Ubu-karshola for instance, and to add insult to the injury, the deranged criminals executed around 45 civilians in a cold blooded manner, the majority of them were unscrupulously slaughtered like sheep , in the presence of their other family members. Such savagery definitely hurts the human conscience, and warrants to be condemned by the international community in the strongest possible terms, as war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Such atrocities are typically reminiscent of Joseph Kony's collective punishment strategy documented in Uganda and elsewhere; crimes such as indiscriminate massacring of civilians, mass raping , kidnapping and using civilians as human shields in fire lines, looting personal properties such as food and other valuables ,sabotaging main sources of livelihood such as water and fuel tanks ,subversion of power and telecommunication stations and facilities , looting live stock s, markets and banks, even personal cell phones were not spared . What a noble cause that license such barbarity!!

Obviously, the overt aim of these gangsters, is to instill an atmosphere of fear and terror into the civilian community and engenders insecurity in the police organization assigned to protect it. These acts are no less sinister or despicable than LRA's classical war tactics in the region. Let us be reminded that the standard definition of terrorism remains "the use of violence or force, or the threat of such, directed upon innocents, civilians, or noncombatants, in order to achieve political objectives ".

Documented crimes ranging from widespread or systematic attacks directed mainly against defenseless civilian populations, shunning and thwarting all sincere national and regional peace bids in volatile areas, has already warranted the Great Lakes regional organization (ICGLR) to brand the Darfuri rebel movements still holding arms (the main component of the SRF), as one of the negative forces still rage in the region threatening security, stability and development, and increasingly the instrument of internationalization and foreign agenda in the area.

According to analysts, the SRF's current miscalculated military venture in northern Kordofan is nothing but a short living media-driven propaganda, its negative results shall very soon bounces and fires-back on these thugs militarily and politically, the fore omen of which is the mounting wave of internal ,regional and international condemnations that would further isolate and expose them .

These pointless attacks come against the back drop of two important developments over the past weeks, namely the successful Darfur donors' conference in Doha, and the current rapprochement with the Government of South Sudan. Hence taking into account the military and political ramifications of these two developments; SRF current madness and imprudence in Northern Kordofan, could easily be construed as being, the running around and swaying of a headless chicken.

Noting the significant milestones in the Sudanese political process on the horizon, Sudan's future should not be held hostage to the ventures of such terrorists. Their desperate attempts to derail or forestall Sudanese people's

aspirations for peace and development shall not prevail. While Sudan holds the legitimate right to restrain and punish the aggressors and which will not linger long, talks and negotiated settlement remains the strategic option of the Sudanese government to bring to an end all conflicts in the Sudan and beyond .