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Justice & Equality Movement Sudan (JEM)



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Renewed Command Order

Prohibition of recruitment and use of child soldiers

In July 2012, the Justice and Equality Movement Sudan (JEM) held consultations with the United Nations/UNAMID in Austria hosted by the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) during which JEM agreed to issue a **Command Order** and establish an **Operational Mechanism/ Action Plan** to prohibit recruitment and use of child soldiers. In compliance with its international legal obligations to protect children, JEM issued a Command Order on 11 September 2012, followed by an Operational Mechanism/Action Plan on 25 September 2012.

On 15 October 2012, Chairman of JEM issued a Decree with the appointment of a six-member Follow-up Committee to oversee and monitor adherence and full implementation of the Action Plan. JEM also reiterated its call to the United Nations to pay regular visits to areas where the Movement is present to monitor compliance.

The Leadership of JEM renews its firm commitment to the International norms and standards governing the protection of children and fully adheres to the Security Council resolutions on children and armed conflict, in particular resolutions 1612(2005) and 1882(2009) prohibiting violations against children including recruitment and use of child soldiers . The chairperson of JEM strongly reemphasised this commitment during recent Consultations in Stadtschlaining- Austria, held with JEM, SLM-MM and SLM-AW on 27 and 28 May 2015 called for by the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms Leila Zerrougui,

Instruction

Application of JEM Military Code

All commanders, officers and members of JEM are, herewith, strongly instructed to continue to fully adhere to the international and local laws governing the protection of children in armed conflict and see into it that no children are recruited, associated with, or allowed to voluntarily join the forces of the Movement. This instruction must be observed at all levels and times including during the complex circumstances when combats take place in the vicinity of civilian populated areas,.

“A “child soldier “or “child associated with an armed force or armed group” is defined as : any person under 18 years of age who is part of any kind of regular or irregular armed force or armed group in any capacity, including but not limited to cooks, porters,

messengers, and those accompanying such groups, other than purely as family members. It includes Girls recruited for sexual purposes and forced marriage. It does not, therefore, only refer to a child who is carrying or has carried arms.”

JEM field Commanders are, herewith, instructed to extensively disseminate this Order and follow up on its full implementation. Recruitment and use of child soldiers is a serious crime prohibited by international law and the Sudan Child Act of 2010 (para 44).

Any commander or member who defies this order will be liable to punishment in accordance with JEM Military Code article 3// 1 or article 54 // 5.

We must remain committed to the protection of children all the way through to a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in Sudan.

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