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**STOP THE INDISCRIMINATE REPEATED AIRSTRIKES ON RED SEA AFAR CIVILIAN FISHERMEN ON ERITREAN TERRITORIAL WATERS (DANKALIA) BY THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES PLANES TAKING FROM ASSAB (DANKALIA)**

**RSADO** is strongly outraged by the series of deliberate deadly aerial attacks on a Red Sea Afar civilian fishing Boat inside Eritrean territorial water by UAE Forces stationed in Assab-Dankalia Region in Eritrea. Just yesterday **one person has been killed and 6 civilians were critically wounded**. The fishermen's boat was in its daily fishing routine fishing and had started its journey from Eddi Town along the coastal area of Eritrean territorial Sea. This has been repeated again and again in the last few weeks.

**RSADO** is gravely concerned about UAE's disproportionate airstrike against, already vulnerable, Afar civilians and civilian objects. Since UAE Military Forces stationed in the Assab Town of Dankalia Afar Region, the UAE Force has frequently targeted Afar civilians and their objects. This is a third time that UAE Forces have committed deliberate and disproportionate airstrikes on Afar civilians that killed dozens of innocent people and destroyed their economic sources.

**RSADO** strongly and unequivocally condemns these crimes against humanity and violations of human rights allegedly committed by UAE Forces stationed in Assab that have indiscriminately killed Afar civilians both in their homeland and elsewhere.

Noting that the only beneficiary from the Arab Coalition Military presence in Dankalia is the oppressive regime of Eritrea. Local Afar people and Eritrean citizens' gain nothing from the UAE Military presence in Dankalia. Quite the reverse, the Afars have been forced to vacate their land, homes and businesses to make way for a Saudi-UAE Military Base without their Free Prior Informed consent (FPIC). The presence of the UAE Military has caused the Afars untold suffering economically, socially and environmentally. People have no freedom of movement to make a living. Thousands of Afar civilians have systematically disappeared, kidnapped and imprisoned and their properties and businesses confiscated by the repressive Eritrean regime. They are now living under unprecedented economic and social hardship, political and social injustice and gross human rights violations imposed on them by the regime. The Red Sea Afar are the victim of human rights abuses and politically and economically motivated persecution by the regime as well by Foreign States and Multinational foreign Corporations.

There is prima facie evidence of serious violations of IHL and IHRL and crimes against humanity having been – and still being – committed by the Eritrean regime. These crimes are already documented by the UNHRC.

**RSADO CALLS** on UAE Forces stationed in Assab- Dankalia (Afar Region) in Eritrea to end their heinous, indiscriminate and criminal airstrikes that have deliberately targeted and killed Afar civilian fishermen inside Eritrea. **WE URGE** the UAE bring those responsible for the deaths of innocent civilians to justice and compensate the victims and to apologize for its wrongdoing.

**RSADO CALLS** on Arab Coalition Forces to avoid deliberately targeting Red Sea Afar civilians and civilian objects.

**RSADO PARTICULARLY CALLS** on the UK and the USA to pressure the UAE and Saudi Arabia to end such unlawful airstrikes on Afar civilians and to avoid targeting civilians and civilian objects.

**RSADO WILL** take all possible actions and measures to halt such crimes and to protect the legitimate rights and interests of the Red Sea Afar People in Dankalia Region of Eritrea.

**RSADO CALLS** on United Nations, European Union, Arab League, Russian Federation and Human Rights Organisations to pressure the UAE to end its indiscriminate airstrikes that killed innocent Afar civilians in their land and their Sea. Such deliberate killings of civilians is contrary to international and humanitarian laws.

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