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Arbitrary arrests of close relatives of members of the FRUD

Since a year, innocent civilians have been targeted by repression, those who don't collaborate with the regime in the north and south west of the country are considered accomplices of the rebellion of the FRUD.

Several people have been arrested since the 3rd of October on the grounds that they have close relatives amongst the members or leaders of the FRUD.

The 3rd of October, Badoul Yussuf and Yussuf Houmad have been arrested in Assal. The former because he has a brother fighting with the FRUD and the latter because he is the brother-in-law of one of the fighters.

The 8th of October, Aboubaker Mohamed Daoud and his sister Madina Mohamed and her children have been arrested at Tadjourah. They both are close relatives of a leader of the FRUD (Abdo Omar Daoud, a.k.a Assa Baxa). A few hours later, Ali Gaditto, a friend of Aboubaker was arrested as well. The 9th of October, Aboubaker Daoud and Ali Gaditto were transferred to the brigade of Djibouti, while Madina stayed at the brigade of Tadjourah.

In Garab-Garatino (35km from Obock), several people were arrested, under which some were tortured by the military the 10th of October.

The 11th of October, Mohamed Abdallah, whose sister died during the stampede in Mecca, and who is a close relative of the leader of the FRUD (Mohamed Kadami) and Fatouma Chehem Ali, mother of 10 children, whose first husband, Kamil Houmed Souleh was assassinated in 1994 by the Djibouti military in Randa, and sister of Ali Chehem (one of the leaders of FRUD), were arrested in Djibouti by the police force.

This wave of arrests indicate a certain nervousness of the Djibouti regime, in front of the inefficiency of its army against the FRUD, and denote a primitive vision of responsibility.

The ORDHD

- Denounces these arbitrary arrests, and demands the immediate release of all the arrested.

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