

Eye witness account from the ground, June 09, 2011 10:01 AM:

"Shootings reduced in Kadugli but violence and reprisal attacks against SPLA elements increased greatly.

Kadugli:

At 2pm yesterday a priest and more than 100 Christians and sisters were forced out of the church's compound. Tear gas was used to force them out of the church. They are now camped outside UNMIS compound 10km away north of the town. PDF elements are on door to door searches and looting of property. Church's property are vulnerable as no one to protect them now.

Dilling:

Christians took refuge inside the church as reprisal attacks are witnessed outside the town.

IDPs:

Civilians fleeing from Kadugli, Dilling and other villages are arriving in El-Obeid on lorries and any means available. Others are trekking across the vast terrains.

Sadly, [two church workers] were taken in SAF detention center in the morning yesterday... Our communication about their whereabouts is going on. Many Nuba sons are being detained. A situation similar to that of 1990-1993. Pray for us.

Bombardments:

Some five villages south of Kadugli, that fell to SPLA were bombed consecutively yesterday. Several injuries are reported in Umm Dorein.

Militarily more towns were seized by SPLA yesterday. Remnants of SAF pockets in Buram and Tolodi may not resist SPLA assaults for too long, water and food has become a problem. The media and government is completely silent about the capturing of towns by SPLA in the Nuba Mountains.

Humanitarian situation in Kadugli and Dilling is worsening, it is spreading to El-Obeid town where it is calm at the moment, though a military operation HQs against Abyei and Nuba Mountains.