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**Human rights situations that require the Council's attention**

## **Written statement\* submitted by Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status**

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## **Freedom for the Sudanian detainees**

The dictatorship in the Sudan continues repression and arrests to extinguish the popular uprising that the Sudanese people declared a month ago from 20 December 2018 to protest the deteriorating economic and social conditions.

Sudanese security forces have used all their military arsenal against popular demonstrations, including breaking into hospitals, arresting the wounded, holding children to pressure their families, imprisoning dozens of journalists, breaking into houses, firing tear gas at women in search of demonstrators, holding doctors, engineers and lawyers, The opposition from different political and trade unions and leaders of the women's movement because of the distinctive participation of Sudanese women at the top of the demonstrations.

According to information about the fall of nearly a hundred martyrs and the arrest of thousands and the disappearance of hundreds of demonstrators, doctors and trade unionists.

The number of detainees till the date of writing the report was approximately 4000,600 are women and 47 martyrdom.

What is going on in Sudan is not an external conspiracy, as the regime's trumpets are used to obliterate the economic and living causes, to justify deliberate killings and to drive citizens to the streets in violation of international laws and freedom of demonstration and expression.

The Khiam Center for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture calls upon all the parties of freedom and human rights in the world, the High Commission for Human Rights, human rights organizations and the International Rehabilitation Center (IRCT) to organize the largest Arab and international solidarity campaign in defense of the Sudanese people and their just demands for peace, freedom and justice.

We demand:

1. Declare a firm position from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to demand the Sudanese regime to stop the crackdown and release all detainees.
2. To set up a special session on the human rights situation in the Sudan on the sidelines of the 40th Session of the Human Rights Council, which will begin on 25 February 2019.
3. Send an urgent investigation to Khartoum to investigate the deliberate killing of demonstrators and the detention of children and women.
4. Organizing sit-ins in front of embassies of Sudan in all countries of the world in solidarity with the demands of the Sudanese people and his uprising and his right to a decent life.
5. Accountability of those responsible for shooting at demonstrators and not excluding them from punishment.