

The Presidency

Presidential Decree No. (97) for 2004

Establishment of an investigation committee on the alleged violations of human rights by armed groups in Darfur States

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President of the Republic

After reviewing article 43 of the 1998 constitution of the Republic of Sudan and according to article 3(1) of the 1954 Investigations Committees Law. I issue the following decree:

Name of the decree and date of implementation

1. This decree is named “ Presidential decree establishing an investigation committee on the alleged violations of human rights by armed groups in Darfur States for the year 2004” and will be effective for implementation from the date of its signature.

Establishment of a Committee

2. (1) Setting up of an independent neutral committee to investigate the allegation of human rights violations that may have been committed by armed groups in Darfur States.

(2) The Committee will be formed as follows:

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| A) Dafallah Al-Haj Yousif (former chief justice) | Chairman |
| B) Avocate Ghazi Suleiman | Member |
| C) Gen. (Rtd.) (police) Hassan Ahmed Sidig (former police director general). | Member |
| D) Gen. Al-Sir Mohammed Ahmed (former commander of the Western Command) | Member |
| E) Dr. Fatma Abdul-Mahmoud (National Assembly member) | Member |
| F) Hamadto Mukhtar (Chairman of the National Assembly's Human Rights Committee) | |
| G) Nazir Mohammed Sarour Mohammed Ramli (representative of the native administration) | |
| H) Nazir AbdelGadir Muniem Mansour (representative of the native administration) | |
| I) Representative of the Bar Association <i>Umar Farug Shumeina</i> | |
| J) Fuad Eid (former administrator) | Member & Rapporteur |

Responsibilities & Powers of the Committee

3. The Committee is entrusted with the following:

- {1} Collect facts and information on allegations of human rights violations by the armed groups in Darfur states.
- {2} Find facts on all claims against the armed groups in Darfur states and the damages that may have resulted from them on people and properties.
- {3} Know the reasons that led to the violations and damages if verified.
- {4} Submit regular reports to the President of the Republic on the outcome of its work.
- {5} Solicit assistance from persons that it sees fit to undertake its responsibilities.

Procedures for the Committee's work

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4. (1) The committee will follow the procedures stipulated in article 9 of the 1954 Investigations Committees Law.
- (2) Without affecting the general framework of point (1) above, the committee can undertake any of the following procedures:
 - (A) Conduct hearing sessions.
 - (B) Process and analyse the available data and information.
 - (C) Review all records and documents that will assist the committee in undertaking its work.

Committee work means & resources

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5. Concerned authorities at the Presidency will avail all necessary means and resources that will facilitate the work of the committee and will undertake the secretarial work.

Committee Recommendations

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6. The Committee will submit its final recommendations to the President of the Republic.

Issued under my signature on 8th May 2004.

Omer Hassan Ahmed AlBashir
President of the Republic