



Press Release

On the 9th of October 2016, the Joint Special Representative of the African Union and the United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur and Head of UNAMID H.E. Mr. Martin Uhomoibhi issued a statement to the media on peace in Darfur. The statement covered, inter alia, the peace process in Darfur. He stated, Quote

- *“I met with Abdul Wahid in Paris, where he resides on July; upon my request he agreed to hold a meeting of the Sudan Liberation Army Leadership cadres in mid-September of this year to consider joining the peace process. He asked for UNAMID’s assistance. I agreed to assist but asked for a formal written letter to process the request. He agreed to write immediately but till date, has failed to do so in spite of my writing two reminders”*
- *I would like to use this opportunity to call on all members of the United Nations and respective Special Envoys of influential countries to exert necessary pressure on the Sudan Liberation Army / Abdul Wahid, to join the peace process.” End of quote*

The quoted statement clearly shows the indifference of Abdu Wahid about the suffering of the people he claims to fight for. It is hoped that the international community including members of the E.U. will redouble their efforts to achieve a lasting peace in Darfur. This noble objective can only be achieved if a real concrete pressure is put on the rebel movements to join the peace process and negotiate in good faith.

It is pertinent in this connection to recall that Mr. Abdul Wahid, was the one who initiated the last conflict between the government and the rebel group in Jabel Marra area by attacking the Sudanese Army Force in January 2016. This fact was confirmed by a statement made by the Spokesman of the US department issued on the 18th of February 2016.