

SUDAN TRAINING YOUNG MUSLIMS FOR JIHAD MISSIONS

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High ranking government and security officials in Khartoum have been linked to secretive training of young Muslims as members of Special Forces loyal and dedicated to carry out jihad missions in the South.

Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) intelligence sources have confirmed the initiation of such programmes, saying the recruits are carefully selected from Universities and higher institutions in Khartoum. They are later trained in terrorist tactics during a ten-day programme.

A highly confidential intelligence brief availed to Sudan Mirror disclosed the training of a batch of 30 recruits from Greater Equatoria in Hantoub Gezira last June under the command of three senior security officers of national security.

The training ran through 10-21 June this year and was attended by ‘carefully selected and chosen’ recruits. The recruits’ have special files about the backgrounds in the organization in Khartoum’.

Comprehensive advantage

According to the intelligence brief, the courses were designed ‘to build a special force loyal and dedicated to carry out jihad in the South and to implement tough orders given to them’.

Equatoria was chosen for the training base because of comparative advantages, the report noted.

‘ Most of the Southerners who are in charge of security in the South and some who are integrated in the high security position in the North after the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) are of less education and knowledge about security matters’.

During the opening session of the Hantoub course, a top adviser to the Government of National Unity (GONU) told the recruits that because of the comparative advantages ‘the penetration of military installations and government institutions plus eliminating the key leaders in the South as easy targets’.

Intelligence reports also disclosed that similar training of students from other parts of Sudan have taken place in Kassala, a development that sources in GOSS say confirms the determination of the North to dilute the CPA.

According to intelligence reports, Sudan's Second Vice-President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha was accompanied by high ranking government and security officials during the opening of the training programme at Hantoub Gezira.

Hate speech

The government and security officials present were identified. The report noted that hate speech directed at non-Muslims characterized that opening session.

In addition, there was a posthumous slur on former Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement (SPLM) leader Dr John Garang as well as denouncement of Muslims working closely with GOSS.

The reports quote Vice-President Taha as having called on the Muslims in the South to take up arms as he 'was ready to put the oil revenue in Sudan to support the war in South Sudan to liberate the South from the infidels backed by the Israelites'.

He declared that time had come for the people of Sudan to unite against the 'infidels'. He remarked that the war in South Sudan took 21 years but that the new crusade to liberate the South would only take 21 days.

The Vice-President further disowned the CPA, saying they signed the agreement under international pressure and that the North should not have done so. He announced that plans for other similar Muslim youth training programmes covering the ten Southern states especially Equatoria were under way.

Explosives

According to GOSS intelligence reports, the Muslim youth training had been organized by the Islamic elites in Khartoum.

The programmes include training on the use of explosives and explosive belts as well as recitations of the spirit of terrorism in jihad war.

The other subjects were aptly titled: 'How to exploit the churches' and 'The spirit to die in the name of God'. The learning is complemented by video shows for 10 hours a day on jihad suicide operations and handling explosives in public places'.

The reports say the recruits do not return to their universities at the end of the training but are assigned special tasks in Khartoum to monitor the movement of members of the military and politicians from the South.

