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OF THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring the following important facts to your attention:

1. On Saturday, 13 August 1983, the Chad authorities displayed before representatives of the international mass media at N'Djamena about 116 Sudanese nationals, most of them young, who had been taken prisoner by Chad government forces during the battle to retake the town of Oum-Chalouba.
2. It has emerged from investigations which were carried out that these Sudanese nationals had been victims of Libyan designs and exploitation; several months earlier they had been prevailed upon by promises from Libya, which had guaranteed them jobs, but after their arrival in Libya they had been compelled, through various forms of intimidation, to join military camps and to enrol in the so-called Islamic Legion, composed of recruits from various African countries.
3. Shortly after being compelled to join the military training camps, they were hastily forced to participate in the war of aggression which Libya is currently waging against Chad government forces; but even before being taken prisoner by those forces, they refrained from participating in the actual fighting.

I should like to bring these facts to your attention and to the attention of the members of the Security Council, and I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdel-Rahman ABDALLA
Permanent Representative of
the Democratic Republic of the Sudan

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