



The International Justice Project Commends the Surrender of Ali Kushayb to ICC Custody

The International Justice Project is encouraged to learn that Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al Rahaman (Ali Kushayb), a senior commander in the Janjaweed militia is now in International Criminal Court Custody. This is an important step. IJP's Raymond Brown and Wanda Akin, have spent years representing 4 (four) victims granted participatory status by the ICC. These victims have risked their lives, and their bravery may soon be rewarded as ICC proceedings are conducted against Ali Kushayb. Our hope is for a fair trial that will result in justice for the victims. However, even such a result will not be the end of the struggle for justice. The remaining four suspects must also be brought before the Hague where a fair trial must take place. Justice is paramount to the establishment of a lasting peace in Sudan.

The ICC issued a warrant of arrest against Ali Kushayb in 2007 on 50 counts including crimes against humanity and war crimes under the Rome Statute. Ali Kushayb is accused of 22 (twenty-two) counts of crimes against humanity and (28) twenty-eight counts of war crimes. A second warrant of arrest has just been made public. The second warrant, originally issued in secret in 2018, concerns three new charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed in Deleig, around 5-7 March 2004.

The first warrant for arrest relates to crimes allegedly committed during the 2003 and 2004 attacks on the towns of Kodoom, Bindisi, Mukjar, Arawala and surrounding areas as part of the counter insurgency campaign against the Sudanese Liberation Movement/Army and the Justice Equality, Movement in Darfur. During this attacks, criminal actions were allegedly committed against Fur, Zaghawa and Masalit civilians. Alleged actions include outrages upon personal dignity of women and girls, persecution, forcible transfers, imprisonment, or severe deprivation of liberty, and intentionally directed attacks.

Ali Kushayb is alleged to have commanded thousands of the Janjaweed militia during these attacks. He is suspected to have enlisted fighters, armed, funded and provided food and other supplies. He is also alleged to have personally participated in these attacks. He is perceived to be the mediator between the leaders of the *Janjaweed* militia and the Government of Sudan.. On June 9 2020, Ali Kushayb voluntarily surrendered himself to ICC custody in the Central African Republic. He made his first appearance before Pre-Trial Chamber II on June 15, 2020.

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