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IOM indicated that there are increasing reports of forced returns to Sudan from Egypt, with those forcibly returned facing 'extreme and dire conditions', and that there have been reports of deaths due to dehydration along irregular routes.616 The same source indicated that about 4 000 people cross the border with Chad through Adré every week, most of them from Al Geneina, Ardamata, and West Darfur, and that around 92 % of people cross due to insecurity and lack of food.617

A human rights analyst interviewed by EUAA indicated that he did not know of particular profiles of people being targeted upon return to Sudan. However, he has knowledge of Sudanese nationals being targeted abroad, particularly in Egypt, by Egyptian security services, mainly due to criticising the UAE, in what appears to be a 'trend of silencing anti-UAE voices abroad'.618 Additional information could not be found among the sources consulted by EUAA within the time constraints of this report.

(a) Requirements for settling in Port Sudan for returnees from abroad

The Dutch COI report indicated that, upon arrival, 'Sudanese returnees suspected of cooperating with the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) were at risk of interrogation and detention'.619 A human rights analyst interviewed by EUAA indicated that, to his knowledge, information on the situation of returnees was not available, 'but since the situation is very fluid, it is very difficult to determine what happens to people entering Port Sudan from abroad'.620 Additional information could not be found among the sources consulted by EUAA within the time constraints of this report.

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