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Two Pastors Hospitalised After Gorom Refugee Camp Attack

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"We have been attacked on Sunday, and Pastor Adel, his wife and myself sustained injuries."

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Two pastors were hospitalised after attackers stormed a Sunday morning service at a refugee camp church in South Sudan on 15 November 2026, according to church sources. Pastors Adel Idris Adam and Drij Haruon Khamis were leading worship at the Darfur Christian Council church in Gorom Refugee Settlement, about 26 kilometres southwest of Juba, when the attackers struck at around 8:30 a.M. Both men were still receiving hospital treatment when Morning Star News reported the attack on 19 November.

The service had barely begun when the peace of a Sunday morning broke apart. Stones flew into the congregation. Men with sticks beat the worshippers.

Some were bitten. Some were choked. The pastors, who had fled Sudan's Darfur region to find safety in this very camp, were attacked while standing in front of the people they had come to lead in prayer.

Pastor Khamis lost a large portion of his left ear after being bitten during the attack, and suffered a crushed finger. Pastor Adam took severe blows to the head that caused internal bleeding.

His wife was beaten and left with contusions. Other members of the congregation were hurt as well: Youssef Suleiman was struck on the nose, and Adam Suleiman Muhammad was choked and struck in the abdomen.

No deaths were reported, but the injuries were serious enough to put two pastors in hospital for days.

The account of what happened - including who led the attack and why - comes from the church itself, and that matters. According to the pastors, the attackers were Sudanese Muslim refugees from the settlement, led by a man named Al-Baqir Muhammad Salih.

Independent police confirmation of that account was not available in the reporting reviewed. The pastors' story is the one we have, and it is told here as they told it: an attack on a Sunday service, in a camp built to shelter people fleeing war.

Pastor Khamis, speaking after the attack, described the morning in the plainest possible words. His voice, in the report, carries the shock of a man who had just watched his own congregation beaten in front of him.

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Both pastors are refugees from Darfur, the war-torn region of western Sudan where millions have fled their homes. They came to Gorom looking for the safety they could not find at home.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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