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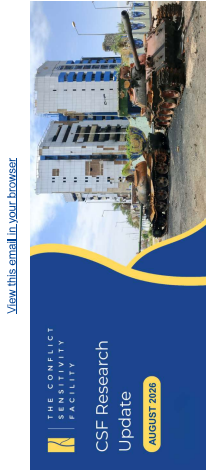
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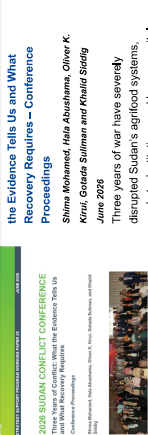
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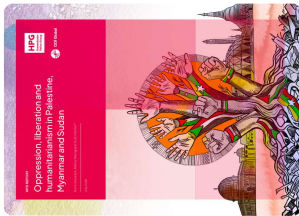
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Shima Mohamed, Hale Abukharma, Oliver K. Kiri, Genda Sulman and Khalid Siddig
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Nora Hasanien, Mamy Maung and Dustin Barter

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