

Al Khatim Adlan Centre for Enlightenment (KACE)

To the members of the Human Rights Council

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Your Excellencies,

During the 56th Session of the Human Rights Council, we urge you and your delegation to raise concerns over the human rights situation in Sudan, particularly regarding the extreme violations of international human rights and humanitarian law that occur on daily bases.

One year on from the start of the conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), fighting and attacks on civilians have spread to multiple regions, including Darfur, Khartoum, South Kordofan, and Aj Jazirah State, prompting a dramatic deterioration of the humanitarian situation. Sudan now has the highest rate of internal displacement in the world; according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) report on 15 April 2024, the number of people displaced by conflict inside and outside Sudan has reached 8.2 million since 15 April 2023. The Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED) reported that since 15 April 2023, there have been 5,550 events of political violence and more than 15,550 reported fatalities in Sudan.

During the past year, both warring parties committed horrific violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, such as intentionally directing attacks against civilian population, and civilian objects, unlawful killing individuals, arbitrary arrest, and detention, as well as committing countless acts of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and enforced disappearance. Likewise, crimes of rape and sexual violence were reported in various regions under the conflict. During the period, RSF, in particular, committed massive acts of looting of banks, markets, warehouses and hospitals and ransacking people's homes and properties.

Unlawful detention of human rights defenders (HRDs) and activists continues media freedom has been severely restricted, which has brought about rampant disinformation and propaganda on social media.

In light of these miserable conditions for Sudanese citizens and these terrible violations of their fundamental rights, the Al Khatim Adlan Center, in coordination with several national organizations, documented and exposed these violations in Khartoum State and most of the Darfur states. KACE calls on the members of the Human Rights Council to:

- Call for an immediate ceasefire in Sudan and urge the warring parties to resolve the conflict peacefully;
- Condemn the systematic attacks on civilians;
- Call for the extension of the mandate the Fact-Finding Mission's mandate beyond 2025.
- Condemn the gross human rights violations in Darfur;
- Ensure robust UN monitoring and public reporting by the High Commissioner and the assistance of his designated Expert on the human rights situation in Sudan;
- To urge states to pay their contributions to the UN fully and on time to resolve the liquidity crisis and allow the FFM for Sudan;
- To urge the neighbouring countries of Sudan, in particular Egypt, South Sudan, Uganda, and Ethiopia, to allow the FMM access and field visits, collect first-hand testimonies, and verify all allegations of violations from Sudanese survivors based on these countries.

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