



Pax Christi International Statement over the escalating violence in Sudan

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Pax Christi International expresses profound concern over the escalating violence in Sudan, particularly the intensified attacks in Gezira state and around El Fasher, capital of North Darfur State, leading to the displacement of thousands and shocking civilian casualties with a disproportionate impact [on women and children](#).

The situation in Sudan is dire and demands coordinated international action. We emphasise the necessity of a **comprehensive approach that addresses both the underlying causes of conflict and the immediate protection of civilians, including safe passage for those fleeing conflict zones and humanitarian aid for those in dire need.** An inclusive peace process and political negotiations must engage civil society, considering women's meaningful role in peacebuilding, and ensure long-term stability and reconciliation.

We urgently call on all parties to the conflict, including the Rapid Support Forces - RSF and the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), to cease all hostilities. [The deliberate targeting of civilians and the denial of aid](#) are severe violations of international humanitarian law as well as the moral dictates of the world's religions and must end immediately.

We also call on all parties to the conflict to respect and protect the Emergency Response Rooms and their volunteers, who are providing humanitarian and other assistance to civilians. **The United Nations Security Council (UNSC), alongside the African Union Peace and Security Council (AU PSC), must lead those efforts needed to prevent further atrocities and [protect civilians of Sudan](#).**

Pax Christi International calls on **all external actors to halt any direct or indirect arms transfers to the warring factions.** The international community must **uphold and enforce the UN Security Council's arms embargo on Darfur** to prevent further escalation and human suffering.

We encourage the UN, the AU, and allies of the countries violating the UN arms embargo to use their leverage to stop these violations, which make the continuation of the war possible. We also encourage civil society organisations to educate the public and to use nonviolent, legislative and legal means to end these violations of the UN arms embargo and support for RSF and SAF violence.

Pax Christi International, as a Catholic Peace Movement, stands in solidarity with the Sudanese people and calls for renewed international resolve to end this cycle of violence and secure peace and justice for all.

اللهم إنا استودعناك كل من في السودان، شبابها، ورجالها، نساءها، وأطفالها وشيوخها فاحفظهم بعينك
التي لاتنام، إنك على كل شيء قدير

*O God, we entrust to You everyone in Sudan: its youth, men, women, children, and elders.
Protect them with Your ever-watchful care, for You are capable of all things.*

Read the resources here below to have an overview of the current situation in Sudan:

- <https://www.crisisgroup.org/sites/default/files/crisiswatch/crisiswatch-october-2024-cif-sudan.pdf>
- [Commitment+to+Protect.pdf](#)
- [Sudan's civil war has left at least 62,000 dead by our estimate – but the true figure could be far higher](#)
- [Secretary-General's remarks to the Security Council - on Sudan \[bilingual, as delivered; scroll down for all-English and all-French\] | United Nations Secretary-General](#)
- [Understanding the Conflict in Darfur and Sudan](#)
- [The Journal of Social Encounters | Journals | College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University](#)
- [Statement by the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, Clementine Nkweta-Salami, on the attacks in Aj Jazirah State \[EN/AR\] - Sudan | ReliefWeb](#)