

Rapid Support Forces (RSF) Violations & Atrocities Against Civilians

RSF committed “extensive” rights violations, which amount to war crimes. Started from Darfur RSF have committed atrocities and other abuses, inducing ethnically motivated killings, targeted abuses against human rights activists and defenders, conflict-related sexual violence, and looting and burning of communities. Then dispersing the Khartoum Sit-in 2019, which led to killing civilians. And recently RSF erupted war in Sudan, beginning on 15 April 2023 which this report will provide some evidence in detail.

❖ Causes of conflict and how it began

From 12/4/2023 The RSF have begun deploying armed units in the capital, Khartoum and North city Marawai. “A source in the army told Al Jazeera that the (RSF) have brought in troop carriers to the capital, Khartoum. The source indicated that the troop carriers were brought from the Zarga area in northern Darfur to Khartoum, along with dozens of military vehicles. However, the army does not yet know the reasons for deploying these vehicles. AlJazeera

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSysTKWM9cI>

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/l15aj3n7g8M>

13/4/2023 [SUNA](#), Statement to the Sudanese Armed Forces:

Risks Increasing Following the Mobilization of RSF in the Capital "It is the responsibility of the armed forces to safeguard and maintain the country's security and safety, in collaboration with various state institutions. Laws have been enacted to regulate how this assistance is provided. Therefore, we must sound the alarm that our country is at a critical and dangerous juncture. The risks are increasing as the leadership of the Rapid Support Forces is mobilizing troops and opening up within the capital and some cities like “Marawi”. These actions and openings have occurred without the approval or even coordination with the leadership of the armed forces, causing panic and fear among citizens, exacerbating security risks, and increasing tension among regular forces.

The armed forces have not ceased their efforts to find peaceful solutions to these transgressions, aiming to maintain public tranquility and avoid armed conflicts. These openings and the repositioning of forces contradict the missions and the operational system of the Rapid Support Forces, constituting a clear violation of the law and disregarding the directives of central and state security committees. Their continuation will undoubtedly lead to further divisions and tensions that may rupture the country's security fabric.

→ Sudan News Agency <https://shorturl.at/jrsAS>

→ The Sudanese army announcement <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QuZgxTmfzs>

→ The Sudanese army accuses the RSF of mobilizing forces in the capital & states without notifying them

www.reuters.com/world/africa/sudans-army-warns-rsf-movements-khartoum-other-cities-2023-04-13/

www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/4/13/sudans-army-warns-of-rsfs-movements-in-khartoum-other-cities

<https://fb.watch/n3C9bScUpl/>

→ The Sudanese army has given the RSF a 24-hour ultimatum to withdraw from Marawi in northern Sudan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NcSYEizme5k>

Despite the warning from the Sudanese army, the Rapid Support Forces have not withdrawn from Marawi

15/4/2023 at morning The RSF attacked the army in several locations, the [presidential palace](#) and other strategic locations, including the General Command Headquarters of the Army and the nearby guesthouse, where fierce clashes erupted. In the afternoon the RSF stated that they had taken control of the [Presidential Palace](#), the Guest-house, and the airports in Khartoum, Marawi, and Al-Abiad.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/yrVBANfJaZM>

→ RSF forces claimed to have captured [Merowe Airport](#) and arrested Egyptian army officers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NyWtuQXq6is>

<https://sudantribune.com/article273012/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VURF0kw8K0c>

❖ RSF sexual violences in Sudan

A group of UN human rights experts said the RSF were using rape and other sexual violence “as tools to punish and terrorise communities”

www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/08/un-experts-alarmed-reported-widespread-use-rape-and-sexual-violence-against
[www.theguardian.com/global-development/2023/aug/29/women-in-sudan-facing-a-tragedy-of-sexual-violence-as-cases-rise?](http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2023/aug/29/women-in-sudan-facing-a-tragedy-of-sexual-violence-as-cases-rise?CMP=share_btn_tw)
<https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/08/17/darfur-rapid-support-forces-allied-militias-rape-dozens>

<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/W02308/S00143/widespread-use-of-rape-sexual-violence-by-rsf-in-sudan.htm>

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2023/08/hrw-rsf-committing-systemic-sexual-violence-against-women-and-children-in-sudan/>

www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-66317210 / www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-65845830

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8dT6Kjwyec&t=20s>

❖ RSF abuse children and force them to fight

→ Sudanese army hands over 30 minor prisoners of war from paramilitary forces to ICRC

<https://english.news.cn/20230916/3ce2928b0e6f4e67a7a32bc4ea649cd5/c.html>

(ICRC) – Thirty children were released by the Sudanese Armed Forces on Friday in an operation facilitated by the International Committee of the Red Cross

www.icrc.org/en/document/chad-sudan-icrc-facilitates-release-30-children-previously-detained

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PsBCqWwnJo>

The Council for Child Care has stated that the RSF recruited and violated the rights of thousands of children.

<https://sudantribune.net/article277258/>

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1322789494989553>

→ The Sudanese army has released a video showing a child allegedly recruited by the Rapid Support Forces.

<https://shorturl.at/ILSVW>

<https://fb.watch/n3vXISoP6M/>

https://fb.watch/n3wfFb_NV0/

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=CyFEgTwO3hQ>



❖ RSF assaulting, insulting and abusing civilians

- RSF assault on retired General Majdi Wasef, they forced him to wear army uniform then arrested.
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3501623563390181>
- The RSF stormed the home of the 70-year-old merchant Abdulazim Al-Dawli in Kafory Khartoum and subjected him to beatings and torture in an attempt to force him to reveal the location of his money storage.
<https://www.facebook.com/tarfa.hussein/videos/9717056448335812>
- The RSF are forcibly evicting families from their homes in Morada, after looting their properties and verbally abusing the families in front of their children. They are also terrifying the children by pointing weapons at their heads to force them to surrender their mobile phones, money, and gold.
www.facebook.com/nizarportsudan/posts/pfbid02rSroirNKAVMEn8tLUWeKkiQfaYyUWs9Bc7m524ng75AGscEjGjC58oCnd4523EuFI

❖ RSF deliberate targeting of civilians and religious leaders

On 13 May, RSF members broke into the Mar Girgis (St George's) Coptic Church complex in the Bahri area of Khartoum. Several witnesses said they shot five members of the clergy, and stole money and a gold cross.

On 14 May, Dr. Adam Zakaria Is'haq, a 38-year-old medical doctor and human rights defender, was killed along with 13 patients at the Markaz Inqadh al-Tibbi (Medical Rescue Centre), a health clinic in the Jamarik neighbourhood of El Geneina. Two of the doctor's colleagues told Amnesty International that armed Arab militia members shot the 14 victims. One said: "Dr. Adam... was treating sick people at a small clinic when he was killed, because the main hospital in El Geneina was destroyed by the same armed militia and RSF in late April. He was shot in the chest. He left behind his wife and two young boys, aged four and six."

www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/08/sudan-war-crimes-rampant-as-civilians-killed-in-both-deliberate-and-indiscriminate-attacks-new-report/

- **Witness..**A priest of the Coptic Church recounts the details of the RSF raid on churches in Sudan.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WFvLVyZ4I>
<https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/witnesses-recount-gunmens-raid-church-sudans-capital-2023-05-18/>
- **An Imam of a mosque shares his story with the Rapid Support Forces**
<https://www.facebook.com/Hano.3li/videos/579671854253090/>

- **The bombing and destruction of one of the minarets of the Khattam Al-Mursalin Mosque in Jabra Khartoum where Sheikh Abdulhay Yusuf used to lead the prayers.**



- **Masjid Elfaki mosque in Khartoum Bahri was damaged**
<https://twitter.com/marksnoeck/status/1656677422635565057>

- **RSF killed West Darfur governor abducted Khamis Abdallah Abbakar and his brother**
<https://pointer.kro-ncrv.nl/west-darfur-governor-assassinated-exact-location>
www.theguardian.com/world/2023/jun/15/sudan-paramilitary-forces-blamed-assassination-khamis-abdallah-abbakar-government-official
www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCiJQd3uFeE
<https://shorturl.at/dfy18>

- **Darfur Regional Government: The number of fatalities in the Genaina area has exceeded 1,000 people**
<https://edition.cnn.com/2023/08/16/africa/darfur-sudan-geneina-massacre-account-cmd-intl/index.html>
<https://shorturl.at/etLX>

- **Ethnically motivated attacks perpetrated by RSF**
<https://www.voanews.com/a/un-hundreds-killed-in-ethnic-attacks-in-sudan-west-darfur/7265002.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjwVrRRG0Cs>

- **Hundreds killed in ethnic attacks in Sudan's West Darfur, UN says**
www.reuters.com/world/africa/hundreds-killed-ethnically-motivated-attacks-sudans-west-darfur-un-rights-chief-2023-09-12/

- **US imposes sanctions on leaders in Sudan's RSF over 'extensive' abuses**
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/9/6/us-imposes-sanctions-on-leaders-in-sudans-rsf-over-extensive-abuses>
<https://www.state.gov/actions-against-senior-rapid-support-forces-commanders-in-sudan/>

- **RSF detained 5,000, some tortured, human-rights groups say**
www.reuters.com/world/africa/sudans-paramilitary-rsf-detained-5000-some-tortured-human-rights-groups-2023-07-14/

- ❖ **Looting / occupied government or public sector building**

- **Videos** showing the The Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have stormed Khartoum Airport and halted air traffic there.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViymX2YDUUM>

- **The Armed Forces:** The Rapid Support Forces burned a Saudi Airlines plane at Khartoum Airport.
<https://www.reuters.com/world/saudi-national-carrier-says-aircraft-had-an-accident-khartoum-airport-2023-04-15/>
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Ep9E4vKdS_4
<https://twitter.com/ahmadhgurashi/status/1654502027748159489>
https://twitter.com/Gerjon_/status/1649737789590720512?s=20

- **Video** shows civilian travelers were terrified after RSF stormed the airport
www.youtube.com/shorts/J13H8_NpwZM

- **RSF** seizing Sudan Broadcasting Corporation offices, where TV and radio broadcast suspended.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfGQzZKdv-M

- **The Rapid Support Forces** are engaging in acts of sabotage and looting at the National Museum of Sudan in Khartoum. <https://shorturl.at/ijHMT>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSDUCRvQyRI&t=31s>

- **The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs** announced today, in a statement, that it has handed over an official memorandum to the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding what it described as an incursion by the Rapid Support Forces into 12 hospitals and health facilities in Khartoum. <https://ara.tv/csgbs>
- **RSF attack hospitals in Sudan**
www.reuters.com/world/africa/four-civilians-killed-rsf-drone-attack-hospital-sudans-omdurman-health-ministry-2023-07-15
www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/sudanese-army-accuses-rapid-support-forces-of-targeting-hospital-killing-5/2946804
<https://sudantribune.net/article274776/>
<https://shorturl.at/cwOY6>
<https://shorturl.at/cBEVX>
<https://shorturl.at/bdft1>
- **RSF Supervising the smuggling of prisoners from Al-Huda Prison, Northwest of Omdurman.**
<https://twitter.com/SudanPlusNews/status/1652338876210397186>
- **After Al-Huda prison, a video circulated in which prisoners said that they left Soba prison with the help of the Rapid Support Forces**
<https://fb.watch/n5-p45illw>
- **The courthouse** between Ombada and Omdurman is ransacked and damaged
https://twitter.com/Sudan_tweet/status/1659166571925843970
- **Damaged New Presidential Palace**
<https://twitter.com/alkhobaib/status/1656599617650454533>
- **The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs** condemns the attacks by the Rapid Support Forces on diplomatic mission premises.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP2M9cFqLpg>
- **RFS occupying Iraq Embassy in Khartoum and filming from inside “flag behind”**



<https://shorturl.at/qrBGX>

❖ RSF did Banks robbery, stores and companies

→ RSF militants having broken the Bank of Khartoum and stolen money in Soba

https://twitter.com/YASIR_MOS91/status/1652329281416994818

→ RSF walking out of bank with bags

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdoTfHV4Ppc>

<https://twitter.com/TaybaSD/status/1655939293985267720>

RSF bank robbery

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1183454772321264>

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/APG4YTKXbqc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZJLfVkdzSI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=tLmd4JQ5C2U>

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1664101426396577794>

<https://twitter.com/RSFLiveSD/status/1674038869451210753>

<https://twitter.com/FaisalElsheikh/status/1674578032726614017>

<https://twitter.com/FaisalElsheikh/status/1674574794451238914>

→ Nyala University <https://twitter.com/ameris35/status/1653502690738032666?s=20>

→ National Medical Supplies Fond https://twitter.com/Sudan_tweet/status/1653836951026278417

→ Civilian property -Al Nasr residential complex in Khartoum

<https://twitter.com/rodinaroodi/status/1664062799419506688>

→ RSF the main warehouse of the Awad Silver Company. <https://fb.watch/n210ZYJUXm/>

→ Smoke rising from Afra Shopping Mall in Khartoum <https://twitter.com/ahmadhgurashi/status/1654502027748159489>

❖ RSF cars robbery. The looting of a civilian's car by the Rapid Support Forces.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IA_pGllvqY

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/UVU_bXRGU2k

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/271729195426604>

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/202801282296051>

❖ RSF loots houses



BBC report www.bbc.com/arabic/trending-65791987

Aljazeera report <https://shorturl.at/alnCV>

- **The** RSF have stormed the residence of the leader of the Sudanese Umma Party, Mubarak al-Fadil, in the capital, Khartoum.
- **The** RSF stormed the residence of the leader of the Democratic Unionist Party (Original), Mohamed Osman al-Mirghani, who is also the spiritual leader of the Khatmiyya sect, after he was subjected to looting by the Rapid Support Forces.
- **The** RSF stormed and destroyed the home of Amjad Fareed, the former official in the office of Prime Minister Hamdok, last night in the Sababi in Khartoum.
- **The** invasion of the home of Sami Az-Zein, a player for the Sudanese national team & Al-Merrikh Club. www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRSXFcVqo0Q

❖ **Civilian house loots by RSF**

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1664600349729079298>

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/167497332820736>

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/181173011505128>

<https://fb.watch/n21hVGyhxx/>

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/611217583933879>

- **In** Al-Musalama neighborhood in Omdurman, members of the RSF are pointing their weapons at an elderly woman in order to steal her car. <https://fb.watch/n3AnVigHm7/>

❖ **RSF recruit foreigner to fight in Sudan**

The Chadian mercenary Hussein Al-Amin Gogo is fighting alongside the Rapid Support Forces in Sudan.

<https://fb.watch/n3BT2blfrC/>

❖ **RSF shooting in residential area**

The Rapid Support Forces are shelling the homes of citizens with artillery shells.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/659359966230037>

The Rapid Support Forces have reportedly used 120mm Yugoslav M74 mortar shells randomly.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/852681349382152> / <https://fb.watch/n3AIDf18Lx/>



→ RSF Using residential buildings to target missiles.



<https://fb.watch/n3BtvAYmo/>

❖ RSF hate-speech

<https://twitter.com/ahmadhgurashi/status/1667269129093390340>

A member of the Rapid Support Forces demands citizens to leave Khartoum and threatens to turn it into ashes

<https://fb.watch/n5-f5rRjPU/>

❖ Casualties

As of September, more than 4,000 people had been killed and 12,000 others injured, according to the Sudanese Health Ministry and the UN.

The Sultanate of Dar Masalit claimed on 20 June that more than 5,000 people were killed and about 8,000 were wounded in fighting in West Darfur alone, while a Masalit tribal leader told the Sudanese news outlet Ayin Network on 22 July that more than 10,000 people had been killed in the state.

On 15 August, the UN said that at least 435 children had been killed in the conflict. Doctors on the ground warned that stated figures do not include all casualties as people could not reach hospitals due to difficulties in movement.

<https://apnews.com/article/un-sudan-perthes-resignation-447e4aafec720589859a2b69cc113068>

<https://www.dabangasudan.org/en/all-news/article/four-thousand-dead-four-million-displaced-in-sudan-conflict>

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-746662>

<https://www.dabangasudan.org/en/all-news/article/more-than-5000-reportedly-killed-in-el-geneina-genocide>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_in_Sudan_\(2023\)#cite_note-dabanga5k-12](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_in_Sudan_(2023)#cite_note-dabanga5k-12)