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Sudan at Three Years: A Nation Enduring Atrocities the World Must Not Ignore

KAMPALA, Uganda — Today marks three years since Sudan descended into full-scale conflict. On April 15, 2023, a power struggle between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), led by Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, erupted into widespread violence across the country. Three years on, the war continues. The atrocities continue. And the world's attention remains dangerously insufficient.

Over 12 million people have been forced from their homes since the conflict began, with millions displaced within Sudan and millions more seeking refuge across borders. But displacement is only the visible surface of a much deeper wound. Across Sudan, in Darfur, Kordofan, Khartoum, Blue Nile, and beyond, civilians have endured mass killings, sexual violence used deliberately as a weapon of war, arbitrary detention, torture, forced disappearances, and the systematic destruction of the infrastructure communities depend on to survive. These are not isolated incidents. They are documented patterns.

Women and girls continue to bear a particular and devastating burden. Sexual violence, including rape and gang rape, has been systematically used to terrorize communities across Darfur and beyond. Survivors face collapsed health systems, absent justice mechanisms, and a climate of impunity that silences reporting and perpetuates abuse. Men have been arbitrarily detained, tortured, and forcibly disappeared. Children have spent three years in displacement, separated from families, cut off from education, and exposed to trauma that will define their futures.

Sudan is today the world's largest displacement crisis, and one of its most chronically underfunded. The gap between the scale of documented need and the scale of international response is not a logistical problem. It reflects political will. The Sudanese people have survived three years without the protection, the resources, or the global solidarity they deserve.

We call on the international community, governments, multilateral institutions, and civil society, to act with urgency: to fund the humanitarian response at the scale the crisis demands, to pursue accountability for documented war crimes and crimes against humanity through all available mechanisms including the ICC, and to ensure that the voices and rights of Sudanese civilians, women, men, and children, are placed at the center of every response.

Three years is too long. The destruction of Sudan must end.

For full documentation on human rights violations in Sudan, visit [\[www.dnhr.org\]](http://www.dnhr.org).

About the Darfur Network for Human Rights (DNHR) The Darfur Network for Human Rights monitors and documents human rights violations in Darfur and other areas of Sudan, provides legal assistance to victims, and advocates for change with the Sudanese government and the international community. Since its establishment, DNHR has maintained a presence in documenting patterns of human rights violations across Darfur, building an extensive archive of evidence that tracks both the continuity and escalation of violence endured by communities in the region.

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