



DNHR Welcomes the Banjul Joint Declaration on Sudan

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The Darfur Network for Human Rights (DNHR) welcomes the adoption of the Banjul Joint Declaration on Sudan by the ACHPR-AU Joint Fact-Finding Mission on Sudan and the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan, issued today during the 87th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in Banjul, The Gambia.

The declaration represents a significant and historic step. For the first time, both missions have jointly and unequivocally named the patterns of violation, assigned responsibility to both the RSF and the SAF and their respective allies, and called for coordinated action. DNHR particularly welcomes the declaration's explicit recognition of ethnic cleansing by the RSF targeting indigenous communities in Darfur, its call for the immediate cessation of arbitrary detention and enforced disappearances, and its demand for a civilian-led path toward peace and democratic governance.

These findings align with what DNHR has documented on the ground. Our March 2026 report, *"We Could Not Breathe Inside Those Containers,"* documented the RSF's systematic use of arbitrary detention, torture, and extortion across North Darfur following the fall of El Fasher, with thousands of civilians held in inhumane conditions, tortured, and forced to pay ransoms for their release. Beyond Darfur, both the RSF and SAF continue to commit violations against civilians across Sudan, with communities bearing the consequences of a conflict neither started nor consented to.

We also welcome the declaration's recognition of the courage of human rights defenders, civil society actors, and frontline documenters who continue to operate at great personal risk. That recognition must translate into concrete protection.

However, DNHR stresses that declarations alone are insufficient. The international community, the African Union, and UN Member States must now take concrete and timely steps to implement these recommendations. Accountability for violations committed by all parties, including the RSF, SAF, and their allies, cannot remain aspirational. The people of Sudan, and particularly the communities of Darfur, need action now.

DNHR reaffirms its commitment to continued documentation, evidence preservation, and engagement with regional and international accountability mechanisms in support of justice for all victims of the Sudan conflict.

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