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Sudan UPR Briefing for Czechia

Sudan Task Force

Advocacy and engagement with States coordinated by the Committee for Justice (CFJ).

The Sudan Task Force invites Czechia to renew and strengthen its recommendations to Sudan in light of continuing violations, with concrete protection and accountability measures for the 2027 Universal Periodic Review.

Previous recommendations and implementation

Torture prevention and treaty implementation

2022 recommendation 137.2: "Ratify the remaining key international human rights instruments, including the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* The OPCAT and CEDAW treaty steps remain outstanding. The Sudan Task Force documents beatings, electric shocks, painful suspension, sexual violence and deprivation of food, water and medical care in detention facilities controlled by different parties. Independent prevention, inspection and investigation remain necessary.

Prosecution of peaceful demonstrators

2022 recommendation 137.160: "Refrain from prosecuting demonstrators and organizers of meetings for exercising their right of peaceful assembly."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Implementation of the specific commitment to end prosecutions for peaceful assembly has not been verified comprehensively. The Sudan Task Force documents detention without charges or effective judicial review, unofficial detention sites, denial of access to families and lawyers, and ransom demands since April 2023. The next recommendations should require release of persons arbitrarily detained and effective judicial safeguards for everyone deprived of liberty.

Sexual and gender based violence

2022 recommendation 137.253: "Further strengthen measures to address violence against women, including efforts to combat female genital mutilation through effective prosecution of people who encourage, facilitate or perform the surgery, as the prevalence of female genital mutilation remains extremely high."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Effective prevention and protection have not been achieved. The Sudan Task Force documents rape and other sexual violence

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during raids, flight, detention and displacement. Survivors face fear of retaliation, stigma and limited access to medical, psychosocial and legal assistance. Progress on the separate harmful-practice or female-genital-mutilation clauses has not been comprehensively verified.

New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

The Sudan Task Force proposes that Czechia put forward the following recommendations during Sudan's 2027 Universal Periodic Review.

Arbitrary detention

1. Immediately release all persons arbitrarily detained, including those held for peaceful civic or professional activity or solely because of their ethnicity or perceived affiliation, and ensure prompt judicial review, access to a lawyer and necessary medical care for every person deprived of liberty.

2. Within three months, establish an updated central register of all persons detained in places under State authority, notify families of the place of detention within 24 hours of deprivation of liberty, and close all unofficial detention sites operated by State bodies.

Torture and enforced disappearance

3. Within 12 months, criminalize torture and enforced disappearance in accordance with international definitions, ensure effective investigation and prosecution, and exclude evidence obtained by torture from proceedings. A statement obtained by torture may be used only against a person accused of torture as evidence that the statement was made.

4. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture within 18 months and establish an independent national preventive mechanism with effective access to places of detention. Immediately permit independent monitoring and confidential interviews in all detention facilities under State authority.

Sexual and gender based violence

5. Within six months, establish formal coordination between the unit combating violence against women, prosecutors and health authorities to investigate and refer conflict-related sexual violence cases, maintain a unified confidential case system, and publish annual anonymized data on investigations and judicial referrals.

6. Within six months, establish free and confidential referral services for survivors in conflict-affected States and displacement sites, providing medical care, psychosocial support and legal assistance, including accessible mobile services for children and women with disabilities, without conditioning care on filing a complaint.

Suggested note on timing: *Unless otherwise specified, the proposed implementation deadlines would run from the adoption of Sudan's 2027 UPR outcome. Existing legal obligations and urgent protection measures require immediate action.*

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