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Sudan UPR Briefing for Germany

Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites Germany 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

Protesters and arbitrary detention

2022 recommendation 137.118: "Refrain from any violence or use of force targeting peaceful protesters and immediately release those unlawfully detained."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* The commitment to prevent arbitrary detention has not been implemented effectively. 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. Release of every person covered by the historical release clause has not been verified.

Protection of civilians

2022 recommendation 137.161: "Immediately initiate measures to ensure the protection of civilians, to respect people's freedom of expression and the right of peaceful assembly."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* The protection objective has not been achieved in practice. The Sudan Task Force documents summary executions, killings linked to ethnicity, deaths in custody and attacks on civilian facilities. Independent investigations, evidence preservation and effective remedies remain seriously deficient. The 20 March 2026 strike on El Daein Teaching Hospital killed at least 64 civilians and injured approximately 113 people. Binding orders, precautions and independent investigation remain necessary.

New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

The Sudan Task Force proposes that Germany 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.

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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.

Extrajudicial killings and civilian protection

3. Immediately issue binding written orders to all forces under State authority prohibiting extrajudicial and summary executions, intentional attacks on civilians and other unlawful use of force, and train all units deployed in conflict areas on these orders within six months.

4. Within six months, establish an independent investigation and prosecution team for unlawful deaths and attacks on hospitals, markets and displacement sites since April 2023, preserve forensic evidence, protect victims and witnesses, and publish quarterly figures on investigations and judicial referrals.

5. Within three months, adopt directives prohibiting the use of explosive weapons with wide-area effects in populated areas and the military use of medical and humanitarian facilities, and establish a mechanism to monitor and investigate violations.

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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