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Sudan UPR Briefing for Lebanon

Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites Lebanon 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 137.44: "Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture remains 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.

National human rights institutions

2022 recommendation 137.101: "Issue the law related to the establishment of the national human rights commission."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* The establishment, legal status, accreditation, resourcing or practical independence required by this recommendation has not been verified in full. Continuing detention abuses and accountability failures show the need for effective national oversight and transparent implementation of human rights commitments, with participation by civil society.

Education for displaced persons

2022 recommendation 137.210: "Continue efforts to ensure access to education for all, especially girls and forcibly displaced persons."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Implementation of the education guarantee has not been verified in full. Conflict, displacement and abuses during movement continue to expose children to serious risks. In May 2026, 23 students under 18 were detained while travelling from Central Darfur towards examinations in Chad. Protection of displaced children and safe, voluntary durable solutions require concrete follow-up.

New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

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

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Torture and enforced disappearance

1. 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.

2. 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.

Forced displacement

3. Immediately prohibit arbitrary displacement and, within 12 months, adopt a national framework for voluntary, safe and dignified return or other durable solutions, with mechanisms to document housing, land and property claims and secure restitution, and safeguards against eviction or land seizure without a lawful basis and judicial review.

Accountability and implementation

4. Within six months, adopt a national plan to implement all outstanding supported UPR recommendations, including those from the 2022 cycle, identifying responsible bodies, timelines and indicators, and publish a progress report every six months in consultation with civil society.

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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