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Sudan UPR Briefing for Liechtenstein

Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites Liechtenstein 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 137.4: "Ratify core human rights conventions such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* The OPCAT and CEDAW treaty steps remain outstanding. Sudan had already ratified the Convention against Torture on 10 August 2021, before the review. 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.

International justice and accountability

2022 recommendation 137.40: "Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and cooperate with the Court, including on the warrants for the arrest of the former President, Omer Hassan Ahmed al-Bashir, and other officials."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan noted this recommendation.* Ratification of the Rome Statute remains outstanding. 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. Cooperation with individual requests from the International Criminal Court and the full scope of domestic implementation have not been comprehensively verified.

Violence against women and legal reform

2022 recommendation 137.244: "Reform laws and State legislation that legalize any form of violence or discrimination against women and girls such as provisions regarding male guardianship and wife obedience proclaimed in the Personal Status Law."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan noted this recommendation.* Adoption, amendment or effective implementation of the specific legal measures has not been verified in full. The Sudan Task Force

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documents rape and other sexual violence during raids, flight, detention and displacement. Survivors face fear of retaliation, stigma and limited access to medical, psychosocial and legal assistance.

New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

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

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.

Extrajudicial killings and civilian protection

3. 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.

Sexual and gender based violence

4. 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.

5. 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.

Accountability and implementation

6. Cooperate fully with the International Criminal Court and United Nations and African investigation mechanisms, ratify the Rome Statute within 18 months, and submit implementing legislation to the competent legislative authority within six months of ratification.

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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