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# Sudan UPR Briefing for Luxembourg

## Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites Luxembourg 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

### Cooperation with human rights mechanisms

**2022 recommendation 137.59:** "Cooperate fully with United Nations human rights mechanisms, in particular the expert on human rights in the Sudan and the Office of the High Commissioner."

**Implementation assessment:** *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Full implementation of the cooperation commitment has not been verified. The Sudan Task Force documents continuing protection and accountability failures and the need for effective independent access, investigation and follow-up. Cooperation must deliver practical protection for victims and their families.

### Detention for exercising fundamental rights

**2022 recommendation 137.126:** "Release from prison all persons whose conviction resulted from the exercise of their fundamental rights and freedoms."

**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.

### Women peace and security

**2022 recommendation 137.224:** "Continue to promote the rights of women and girls, combat all forms of discrimination against them and implement the national action plan for the implementation of the Security Council resolution on women and peace and security."

**Implementation assessment:** *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Full implementation of the specified women, peace and security plan, participation, consultation or cooperation arrangements has not been verified. The Sudan Task Force 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.

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## New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

The Sudan Task Force proposes that Luxembourg 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.

### 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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