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Sudan UPR Briefing for Malta

Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites Malta 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

International justice and accountability

2022 recommendation 137.41: "Ratify the Rome Statute and incorporate all relevant provisions into domestic law, including the obligation to cooperate promptly and fully with the International Criminal Court, and the definitions of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes covered by the Statute."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported 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.

Sexual and gender based violence

2022 recommendation 137.246: "Adopt measures for the protection and prevention of sexual and gender-based violence, in addition to mechanisms for accountability, in conflict-affected and displacement settings."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Effective prevention and protection have not been achieved. 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. Independent investigations and effective remedies for survivors remain essential.

New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

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

Extrajudicial killings and civilian protection

1. 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.

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2. 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.

3. 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.

Forced displacement

4. 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

5. 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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