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Sudan UPR Briefing for the United Kingdom

Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites the United Kingdom 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

Civic space and protection

2022 recommendation 137.156: "Immediately open civic space and defend freedom of expression and assembly for all Sudanese, including civil society actors, human rights defenders and journalists."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan noted this recommendation.* Effective protection has not been demonstrated in the cases documented by the Sudan Task Force. Journalists, lawyers, defenders and humanitarian workers have faced arbitrary detention and disappearance in connection with their work. The full range of civic-space, participation, media or investigative measures in the earlier recommendation has not been comprehensively verified.

New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

The Sudan Task Force proposes that the United Kingdom 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.

Accountability and implementation

2. 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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