

Stop the war in Sudan

Refugees welcome - No support for any of the generals - Civilian rule now

Sudan has been plunged into civil war by the rival generals who seized power in a coup in October 2021. The Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces militia have used heavy weaponry and aerial bombardment in densely populated cities in their battle to control the country.

A member of the Sudanese Teachers' Committee spoke to MENA Solidarity from Khartoum on 24 April. "There is no water, food and healthcare," he said. "Civilians are panicked and confused and my own house was close to the shooting. My children are having nightmares. Few shops are still working and the main market in Bahri city was destroyed. There has been no water supply in that area of the capital for 10 days. About 30 hospitals are out of service right now. Hunger is rife. There is no cash or banking services whatsoever."

Despite the constant danger ordinary people are still trying to organise on the ground. The Resistance Committees, networks of revolutionary activists in local neighbourhoods, have been supplying food and medical supplies. There have been night-time protests with hundreds demonstrating in some areas, he said.

"The most affected people are civilians; both sides claim to be winning the battles but we think this is pure lies. The majority in Sudan don't want to see either Sudanese army general Al Burhan or the RSF leader Hemedti surviving after the fighting stops."

The two warring sides in this conflict have been armed to the teeth and given intelligence, diplomatic and financial support by regional powers Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt and Israel – all staunch allies of the major Western governments (and recipients of huge amounts of Western aid and arms). Far from taking effective action to isolate the military and militia coup leaders, the US and British governments have repeatedly pushed Sudanese civilian movements towards negotiations with the military and militia leaders.

Yet refugees fleeing this deadly conflict are being refused entry to Britain, even when they have family members here, as the government enforces its cruel and racist ban on so-called 'illegal migration'.



International day of protest: Sat 29 April London 1-5pm outside 10 Downing Street

called by the Sudanese Revolutionary Movement - UK and others

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Pass this motion on your union branch:

- This union notes the devastation caused by war in Sudan between the armed forces and the Rapid Support Forces militia. Civilians are paying the price for this struggle to control the country's government and resources.
- This union believes that foreign powers, including the British government, have contributed to this conflict by legitimising the two sets of generals through constant pressure on Sudanese civilian and democratic forces to negotiate with them. Furthermore, regional states allied to Britain, including Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt and Israel have directly fuelled the conflict through providing military, financial and diplomatic support to the warring sides.
- This union calls for a lasting ceasefire, the provision of humanitarian aid by the British government and a ban on arms transfers to Sudan and regional powers involved in the conflict. We demand that the British government establishes safe, legal means for Sudanese refugees to reach Britain. We send a message of solidarity to the Resistance Committees, trade unions, demand-based campaigns and revolutionary activists organising for a democratic, peaceful Sudan. We welcome their call for the demilitarization of Sudanese cities and residential neighbourhoods. We resolve to make a donation to the Sudan Doctors' Union appeal (details here: <https://tinyurl.com/stopsudanwar>)

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