

Sudan Solidarity Conference 2026: Statement and Demands

The Sudan Solidarity Conference 2026 has brought together trade unionists and activists from Sudan, Britain, and beyond to demand an immediate end to the war between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF)—a war that is tearing Sudan apart and threatening regional and international peace.

Since the outbreak of the war in April 2023, following the counter-revolution against the 2018 revolution, both forces have displaced nearly 15 million people, killed hundreds of thousands, and destroyed Sudan's infrastructure, health and education systems, and cultural heritage. Starvation, denial of medicine, the destruction of communication systems, and rape have been used as weapons of war. Revolutionary forces, trade unionists, activists, politicians, and all those who oppose the war have been deliberately targeted.

We note that both the SAF and the RSF were deployed as mercenaries to Yemen on behalf of Gulf states and that they jointly overthrew Sudan's legitimate transitional government in 2021. For decades, both forces have committed genocide and crimes against humanity. The SAF controls over 82% of stolen wealth held outside Sudan's economy, while the RSF controls vast resources, technology, and financial empires. We therefore recognise both fighting forces as militias.

We condemn the role of imperialist powers, including Russia, the European Union, the United States, and the British government, assisted by the African Union in undermining Sudan's 2018 revolution, and their continued direct and indirect provision of arms, political support, and diplomatic cover to both militias via regional powers such as the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Egypt, Iran, Turkey, Eritrea, Chad, and other neighbouring states.

We stand in full solidarity with the Sudanese people in their struggle to end the war and establish civilian, democratic rule. We also express solidarity with all refugees and migrants and reject the British government's racist and hostile rhetoric and policies.

As participants in the Sudan Solidarity Conference 2026, we commit to working together to:

- Stop the war in Sudan.
- End all arms sales, military cooperation, and security assistance, and mobilise against arms factories and related sites complicit in wars in Sudan, Palestine, Congo, and the wider region.
- Demand that the British government oppose and sanction all states, corporations, and entities supplying weapons, funding militias, or profiting from Sudan's war.
- Expose the crimes and narratives of the SAF and the RSF and reject any attempt to legitimise them.
- Recognise Sudanese resistance committees, emergency response rooms, independent trade unions, women's organisations, and professional associations as legitimate political actors.
- Build active solidarity against racism and defend refugees and migrants by organising within the UK's anti-racist and anti-fascist movement and actively mobilising for the Together Alliance protest on 28 March.
- Link the struggle in Sudan with the Palestine solidarity movement and wider anti-racist, anti-imperialist, climate justice, and workers' movements through conferences, demonstrations, and passing motions at union branches and workplaces on Sudan's situation.
- Trade unions to share this Conference Statement and Demands with their members, publish it through their websites and social media channels.
- Join with MENA Solidarity in taking action by submitting a public copy to the UK government.

As MENA Solidarity and conference participants, we will continue to stand with Sudan's revolutionary forces and remain organised against the systems that profit from war, displacement, and human suffering.