

Ethnically motivated Revenge killings in Sudan must Stop
We urge all actors to prevent the further spread of atrocities against civilians
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The undersigned organisations urge all actors to stop hate-based retaliatory attacks against civilians in Al Jazira State and across Sudan

To moral leaders in Sudan and international stakeholders:

While international news outlets report jubilation in Wad Madani as SAF forces take back territories in Jazeera State from the RSF, we are hearing horrific reports from the ground of widespread revenge killings and sexual violence against civilians perceived to have supported RSF fighters – or simply for being perceived as foreign. These revenge atrocities are serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law, likely amount to crimes against humanity. Hate-based killings against the Kenabi community and South Sudanese nationals in Jazira State are sparking violence in South Sudan where there were protests and heavy gunfire in the capital Juba on 17 January with a national wide curfew called.

Reports of massacres against entire communities based on perceived identity are coming from Wad Madani and surrounding areas. Many videos of the violence are being shared on social media in which racial, dehumanising hate speech is being used in the presence of men wearing SAF uniforms.

We would like to reiterate the [call](#) from the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, Ms. Nkweta-Salami on 15 January strongly denouncing this violence and calling for the cessation of hostilities and to take inclusive steps to build a lasting peace that the people of Sudan so desperately need.

Hate-based revenge, prejudice and blaming will only lead to further grievances and cycles of violence.

We appeal to the conscience of every individual: to not allow past grievances to dictate the future. The people of Jazira State and across Sudan have endured great hardships, now is the time to build peace and for revenge to stop. All actors should unite against prejudice and not take sides, taking a stand against hate and revenge against civilians.

With the undersigned organisations call upon,

- **Moral leaders in Sudan and international stakeholders to:**
 - speak out against all atrocities committed against civilians in Jazeera State and across Sudan; and to
 - take a stand against and condemn discrimination, hate and identity-based violence that is contributing to cycles of violence.
- **All parties** to prioritize justice through lawful and peaceful means and to promote the rebuilding of communities and social cohesion.

Signatories:

African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS)
Afro Legal Aid Centre
AWAFY
Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW)
Darfur Advocacy Group
Darfur Bar Association
Fikra for Studies and Development
Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
Human Rights Association (جمعية حقوق الإنسان)
PAEMA (formerly Never Again Coalition)
Partners in Development Services (PDS- Sudan)
People to People
REDRESS
Rights for Peace
Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA)
Sudan Human Rights Hub (SHRH)
Sudanese Human Rights Monitor (SHRM)
Sudan Transparency & Policy Tracker (STPT)
Sudan Unlimited
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