



His Excellency António Guterres
Secretary General of the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters
New York, NY 10017

The Devastating Conflict in Sudan

May 3, 2023

Dear Secretary General Guterres,

On behalf of the undersigned Eritrean organizations advocating for democracy and the rule of law in Eritrea, we are writing to express our deep concern about the situation in Sudan and its implications to the wider Horn of Africa. The recent outbreak of fighting between the Rapid Support Forces and the Sudanese Armed Forces has caused immense suffering for the people of Sudan and hundreds of thousands of refugees and has threatened to further destabilize the entire region. We urge you and your offices to take immediate and concrete action to address this catastrophe. We believe Sudan is on the verge of collapse and it needs the full attention of the United Nations.

We call on you and your good offices to ensure that:

1. You are facilitating dialogue between the parties to the conflict & encouraging them to reach a peaceful resolution.
2. Civilians are protected from harm.
3. Humanitarian aid can reach those in need.
4. Refugees and other vulnerable populations can safely exit the conflict zone & receive all assistance they need.
5. Neighboring countries & other third parties do not interfere in the internal affairs of Sudan to fuel the situation.

We are also deeply concerned about reports that Eritrean refugees may be forcefully returned to Eritrea. This is a grave violation of their human rights and could put their lives in great danger. We urge you to take all necessary measures to ensure that these refugees are protected and that the United Nations is closely monitoring their situation.

Sincerely,

1. Eritrean Research Institute for policy and strategy (ERIPS)
2. Facilitating Smooth Transition in Eritrea (FAST)
3. Focus Eritrea
4. Global Yiakl Eritrean Movement
5. Sinit Eritrawyeen

