

SITUATION REPORT SUDAN



SWITCHBOARD

HIGHLIGHTS

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

On July 4, 2022, the leader of Sudan's army announced it would not be participating in negotiations to allow political parties and revolutionary groups to form a government. He said, instead, that the military council currently ruling the country would be dissolved and a new High Council of the Armed Forces would be formed and include the Rapid Support Forces ([Reuters, 2022](#)). Pro-democracy campaigners in Sudan have reacted with caution to the military leader's promise to hand power to a civilian government, as the heads of both the Sudanese Armed Forces and Rapid Support Forces are responsible for the coup that seized power from the transitional government on October 25, 2021 ([Dabanga Sudan, 2022](#)). Several sit-ins demanding the overthrow of the military regime expanded widely in Khartoum and its twin cities, with reports of other cities also taking part ([Dabanga Sudan, 2022](#)). These sit-ins are in response to the violent crackdown on protesters on June 30, 2022, bringing the death toll to 114 since October 25, 2021. The High Commissioner said in a statement that the deaths had occurred "even after the police had announced they would not use lethal force to disperse the demonstrators" ([UN, 2022](#)).

Additionally, John Godfrey was confirmed as the first US Ambassador to Sudan in 25 years ([Dabanga Sudan, 2022](#)), and a US Congress delegation visited Khartoum and North Darfur at the beginning of July to learn of developments and the humanitarian situation in Darfur ([Dabanga Sudan, 2022](#)). Sudan also re-opened a major border with Ethiopia closed last month by tensions between the countries and an ongoing dispute over Al Fashaga agricultural region ([Sudan Tribune, 2022](#)).

HEALTH

Sudan announced its first case of Monkey Pox. The case identified in West Darfur of a 16-year-old student was announced on the Sudanese Ministry of Health Facebook page ([Reuters, 2022](#)).

SECURITY

Over 100 people were killed in Damazin and Roseiris cities in the Blue Nile area. This was the result of days of tribal clashes between the Hausa and Birta groups with inadequate response from the authorities. Humanitarian partners have provided 100 trauma kits and plan to provide essential medical supplies to Damazine Hospital ([ReliefWeb, 2022](#)). Thousands of protesters took to the streets in different parts of Sudan to condemn the authorities' lack of response and demand peace and justice for those who lost their lives in the region ([Dabanga Sudan, 2022](#)). A young protester was announced dead after a demonstration calling for peaceful co-existence in Omdurman ([Dabanga Sudan, 2022](#)).

FOOD SECURITY

The food security situation in Sudan is critical, with an estimated 11.7 million people severely food insecure between June and July ([ReliefWeb, 2022](#)).

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Since the beginning of the rainy season in June, about 6,250 people have been affected by heavy rains and flooding in South Kordofan, White Nile and Kassala states. On July 10, flash floods triggered by torrential rains in areas southeast of Kassala town have affected an estimated 750 people. Emergency shelter, non-food relief supplies, and food assistance are the priority needs ([ReliefWeb, 2022](#)).

ADVOCACY

In July 2022, a Sudanese court in Kosty city of the White Nile state sentenced a 20-year-old woman to death by stoning for allegedly committing the crime of adultery (ACJPS, 2022). Advocacy groups are calling to abolish death by stoning in Sudan, underscoring the need for urgent reform of the country's legal and judicial systems as it continues to be governed by a "dysfunctional justice system," in contradiction with its obligations under international human rights law ([Sudan Tribune, 2022](#)).