

SITUATION REPORT SUDAN



SWITCHBOARD

HIGHLIGHTS

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Major protests continued across Sudan on June 30, 2022, marking 33 years since Omar Al-Bashir seized power from a democratic government in 1989. Such protests consistently cite the demand for the armed forces to hand over rule to an entirely civilian transitional government and, ultimately, civilian rule. Eight protesters were killed in a violent crackdown by security forces with reports of over 600 injuries ([Aljazeera, 2022](#)).

Additionally, Sudan accused Ethiopia of capturing and executing seven soldiers and a civilian. While the Ethiopian government denied involvement and blamed militias ([Reuters, 2022](#)), the AU warned Sudan and Ethiopia against any military action ([France24, 2022](#)). Also, the head of Sudan's Transitional Sovereignty Council, General Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan, met with the European Union (EU) envoy for the Horn of Africa, Annette Weber, in Khartoum to discuss the Sudan-Ethiopia border conflict following the Sudanese military's accusations and resulting tensions. The meeting further stressed the EU's role in the negotiations regarding power sharing and ongoing dialogue ([Sudan Tribune, 2022](#)).

ECONOMY

The authorities say they are continuing the economic reform program initiated in 2020, before the coup, by the transitional government. This news comes amid an accelerated slide in services—such as water and electricity—and skyrocketing inflation after the suspension of billions of dollars in aid and the effects of the Russian-Ukraine war ([Reuters, 2022](#)).

FOOD SECURITY

One third of the population is facing acute food insecurity according to the UN, who highlighted a hunger crisis between June and September 2022 ([Relief Web, 2022](#)). The ongoing crisis has been exasperated by the worsening economic situation, recurring violence in affected states, the global grains crisis, and a poor harvest ([FAO, 2022](#)).

HEALTH

Security forces continue to attack hospitals and medical staff that treat demonstrators for injuries sustained in protests ([Dabanga, 2022](#)).

EDUCATION

The Sudanese Teachers Committee's strike has successfully ended. The Ministry of Finance pledged to disburse salaries and shortfalls according to the full outlined structure, as well as an Eid al Fitr grant. A joint committee was formed between the Ministry of Finance and the Sudanese Teachers Committee to follow up on implementation and review remaining demands ([Dabanga, 2022](#)).

CASE STUDY

DIASPORA ADVOCACY WORK: THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCOTLAND (EIS)

EIS—the largest teachers union in Scotland with over 50,000 members—invited a group of Sudanese activists from Scotland to their annual AGM on June 9–10, 2022 to act as representatives of the Sudanese Teachers Committee, set up a stall, and raise awareness about the Sudanese teachers' strike and the outcome of their demands. Many teachers and visitors participating in the conference visited the stall, and the activists:

- Explained the conditions of schools and education in Sudan, as well as the struggles of teachers and their working conditions
- Took photos with the visitors holding a plaque expressing solidarity with the Sudanese revolution and the issues of teachers, later posted on social media; and
- Collected email addresses to invite visitors to upcoming solidarity events and activities.

