

SITUATION REPORT SUDAN



SWITCHBOARD

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTH

After recent floods, Sudan has seen a rise in malaria cases and worsening dengue fever outbreak (ReliefWeb, Nov 2022), marked by the last decade's medication and health worker shortages and worsening economy (TheGuardian, Nov 2022). The Professional Pharmacists Association warned of the dire consequences of the decision "to liberalise the dollar price regarding medicines in order to increase medical supplies in the country" (Dabanga Sudan Nov 2022). The lack of consumables for dialysis centers is also threatening the lives of dozens of patients (Medameek, Nov 2022).

EDUCATION

Beginning on November 28, 2022, teachers in Sudan went on strike demanding, amongst other things, better salaries. Earlier this year, the Ministry of Finance pledged to disburse salaries and payment shortfalls going back as far as 2020. However, the authorities have since failed to implement the promised 2022 salary structure and salaries have been delayed (Dabanaga Sudan, Nov 2022).

FOOD SECURITY

The country's economic crisis, combined with a spike in food and energy prices linked to the Ukraine crisis, continues to affect food security in Sudan. According to WFP, local food basket prices remain stable compared to the previous month, but are 116% higher compared to November 2021 (WFP Nov 2022).

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Forces for Freedom and Change (FFC) announced ongoing negotiations with the military in hopes of signing a framework agreement as a step towards ending the political deadlock consuming the country since the military coup in October 2021 (Reuters, Nov 2022). General Al-Burhan's deputy, General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, leader of the powerful Rapid Support Forces, expressed his full support for an agreement. However, in a confusing development, Al-Burhan also ordered a freeze of trade unions and syndicates to curb the influence of Islamist groups (Reuters, Nov 2022).

ECONOMY

Sudan's economy continues to struggle as international investment, debt relief, and development aid have stalled since the October 2021 military coup (DW Nov 2022). The economic crisis is further exacerbated by high inflation in food, fuel and other commodity costs (WFP Nov 2022).

SECURITY

Around 15,000 people fled their villages in Central Darfur after clashes erupted following an armed robbery. The fighting is reportedly between the Misseriya and the Awlad Rashid clan of the Rezeigat tribe near Juguma village. 48 have been killed and at least 17 injured. The newly displaced are in dire need of shelter, food and water. There is an exasperating food shortage as around 10,000 farmers are reportedly unable to harvest their crops due to the security conditions. The situation remains unpredictable; the two groups are reportedly mobilizing to escalate the violence even further (ReliefWeb, Nov 2022).

CASE STUDY



THE SUDANESE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

EUK held a seminar on November 6, 2022 in London to discuss the current situation in Sudan amongst Sudanese diaspora communities in the UK and civil society groups active in Sudan. Speakers at the event included Sir Robert Fairweather OBE, UK FCDO Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan. Participants reaffirmed their solidarity and support for the Sudanese people to end the military coup and dictatorship, and rejected any settlement giving the military junta a political role in running the country.

