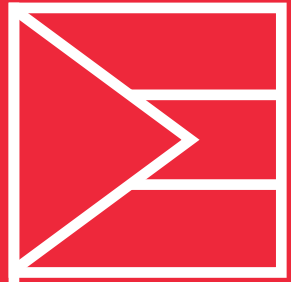


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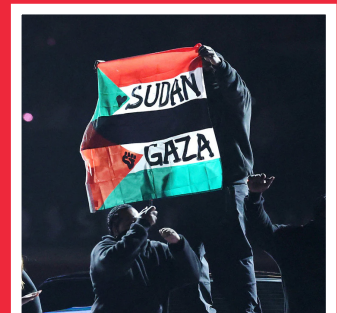
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“A message from Gaza to our friends everywhere. I say to you, if you fear God you will care about your people in Sudan. We in Gaza, [who are] suffering, are spoken about, but your people in Sudan are also suffering. Your people in Sudan are experiencing great hardship and no one cares about their condition except God. They are Muslims like us, and they suffer day and night. [...] you will all be held accountable for all of the suffering and hardship the people of Sudan are enduring. [...] May God to protect the people of Sudan, the people of Yemen, and all Muslim countries, and relieve our distress in Gaza.”

Palestinian man in Gaza in a message to the people of Sudan.¹



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Genocide: from Palestine to Sudan

An Overview of Israeli Genocide in Palestine

Since October 2023, the Israeli Occupation Forces have been engaged in a systematic genocide and a multitude of war crimes against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank.²

In July 2024, researchers estimated that the IOF has likely killed more than 186,000 Palestinians since October 2023 in Gaza alone, making the total number of Palestinians killed by April 2025 significantly higher.³

The IOF has also besieged Gaza for over 50 days, with no aid, food, or medicine being permitted to enter.⁴

The entirety of Gaza's estimated 2.1 million population are being forcibly starved and dehydrated by the IOF's systematic attacks on aid distribution centres, bakeries, water sanitation and desalination plants, and farmlands.⁵ Humanitarian workers, fishermen, bakers, and other key workers have been intentionally targeted by IOF attacks.⁶

The IOF has also intensified the genocide through preventable diseases and illnesses, by intentionally destroying Gaza's healthcare system by repeatedly bombing Gaza's hospitals, assassinating and kidnapping medical staff, and preventing medical supplies and foreign doctors from entering the Strip.⁷

In January 2024, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled that Israel's acts plausibly amounted to genocide and ordered Israel to take all measures within its power to prevent genocidal acts.⁸ The ruling has changed nothing in practice, with Israel's genocide continuing unabated.⁹

An Overview of Genocide in Sudan

Since Sudan's popular revolution in 2018, which overthrew dictator Omar al-Bashir, military groups have fought to take control over Sudan –

marginalising the demands of the popular revolution which called for civilian rule and obstructing the transition to civilian governance.¹⁰

On 3 June 2019, the SAF and RSF jointly committed a massacre of Sudanese protestors at the Khartoum sit-in, and collectively staged the 2021 coup d'état, before turning on each other in 2023.¹¹

Since April 2023, the main military groups competing in a power struggle over Sudan are the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), both of which have been accused of war crimes.¹²

The head of the SAF is General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and he is effectively Sudan's president.¹³

His former deputy in the Sudanese Armed Forces, and the leader of the RSF, is General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, popularly known as Hemedti.¹⁴

The RSF was formed in 2023 and grew out of the Janjaweed militia, a group of SAF proxy militants stationed in Darfur, who committed a genocide in Darfur from 2003 to 2005.¹⁵ Prior to the Sudan war, the Janjaweed sent troops of mostly drugged children to fight in Yemen and Libya.¹⁶

SAF and RSF fighting has killed at least 20,000 Sudanese, forcibly displaced over 13 million, and subjected over 25 million Sudanese to forced starvation.¹⁷

The United Nations (UN) has described the impact of the Sudan war as the world's largest humanitarian crisis.¹⁸

The country remains divided, with the SAF controlling most of northern and eastern Sudan, and recently recapturing the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, and the RSF controlling much of the southwestern areas of Sudan.¹⁹

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Current Sudanese Battle Lines, accurate as of 27 March 2025:



Source: Recreated from Sudan Survey Authority

SAF War Crimes

On 9 December 2024, the SAF committed a war crime by conducting an airstrike on a crowded market in the town of Kabkabiya in North Darfur, an area which the RSF were controlling.²⁰ The airstrike killed over 100 Sudanese, including at least 15 displaced civilians who had fled to Kabkabiya from attacks elsewhere.²¹

RSF Genocides and War Crimes

The RSF has committed several genocides and massacres across Sudan since April 2023, especially in the Darfur region where a previous genocide of the ethnic Darfuri people took place from 2003 to 2005.²² The RSF has repeatedly attacked and destroyed refugee camps in Darfur, where many displaced people were sheltering.²³

In November 2023, the RSF launched a six-day genocide against the ethnic Masalit people in refugee camps in the city of Ardamata, executing dozens of refugees, raping women, and forcibly displacing thousands.²⁴

The RSF committed another genocide in the West Darfur city of El Geneina, killing thousands of

Sudanese and forcibly displacing thousands more, as well as committing rape, looting, and torture.²⁵

The RSF also besieged the city of El-Fashir for over a month, which had previously been the last safe shelter for refugees in the region.²⁶

Much like the IOF's attacks on displaced people's camps in Gaza, the RSF has been accused of setting fire to displaced peoples' camps in Sudan, such as the makeshift camp in El Geneina.²⁷

In El Geneina, residents were forced to choose between burning alive inside their homes or attempting to escape and risking being shot dead by RSF snipers.²⁸

Like Israel's genocide in Gaza, the RSF's genocides have been funded by many foreign powers, most famously the UAE.²⁹ The RSF also received EU funds in 2017 to forcibly stop migrants from reaching Europe and has been hired by Saudi Arabia to fight in Yemen against the Yemeni resistance.³⁰

“Israel is deeply committed to ensuring that the military, whether its Hemedti or Burhan or some combination of the two – dominate the politics of Sudan. Israel wants to have diplomatic relations with as many Arab states as possible. It cannot have diplomatic relations with democracies in the Arab world because democracies in the Arab world will demand that Israel make concessions to the Palestinians as a condition for diplomatic relations. That’s something that Israel refuses to do. Thus, Israel is deeply committed to preserving the authoritarian political order in the Arab world and that applies to Sudan as well.”

Dr Nader Hashemi

Director of the Centre for
Middle East Studies at the
University of Denver.³¹



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Historic Overview of Zionist Interests in Sudan



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Historic Overview of Zionist Interests in Sudan

Since the 1950s, the Zionist occupation has repeatedly tried to normalise relations with Sudan to bolster its economic and military interests, under the “periphery doctrine”.³² The doctrine funds rebel groups throughout the region with the goal of forming strategic alliances.³³

Accordingly, from the 1960s until 2011, Israel funded and armed rebel movements in southern Sudan, until South Sudan’s independence.³⁴

Israel’s interest in Sudan is particularly centred on ending arms smuggling routes operating from Sudan to the Gaza Strip.³⁵

In the 1950s, Israel established secret contacts with Sudanese Prime Minister Abdullah Khalil, and these clandestine relations continued in the 1970s and 1980s under President Jaafar Nimeiri.³⁶

Nimeiri collaborated with Israel in facilitating Ethiopian Jews’ colonisation of occupied Palestine and allowed Mossad to operate in Khartoum.³⁷

Despite these secret relations, Sudan has refused to normalise ties with the Zionist occupation.³⁸

In 1967, Sudan hosted the Arab League summit in which Arab nations adopted the Khartoum Resolution, known as “The Three No’s”: no peace with Israel, no recognition of Israel, no negotiations with Israel.³⁹

Since taking power in 1989, al-Bashir’s government opposed any normalisation with the Zionist occupation and rejected the Oslo Accords, accusing PLO leader Yasser Arafat of straying from the principles of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).⁴⁰

Under al-Bashir, the Sudanese government acknowledged the PLO as the official representative of the Palestinian people, which maintained an embassy in Sudan, and hosted offices of several Palestinian organisations and resistance factions.⁴¹ Sudan also provided weapons to Palestinian resistance groups, including Hamas.⁴²

During al-Bashir’s dictatorship, Israel declared Sudan a ‘terrorist state’ and carried out several bombings of Sudan.⁴³ In 2009 and 2011 the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) conducted airstrikes on convoys of trucks allegedly transporting weapons for Hamas, and in 2012 the IOF bombed the Sudanese Armed Forces’ (SAF) Al Yarmouk weapons factory.⁴⁴

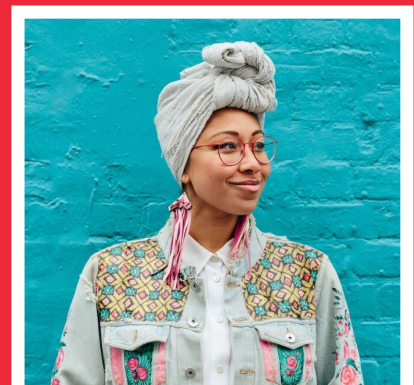
However, in 2016, as his power weakened, al-Bashir re-established secret relations with Israel. As al-Burhan served as chief of military intelligence at this time, it is likely he was directly involved in these secret relations.⁴⁵

“In Khartoum, my aunt does not reply to questions about how she is doing. In the few moments of snatched connectivity, she forwards jokes and Arabic memes to the group chat. “I don’t want to talk about this stinking war,” she said. “Send photos of your cooking, of pretty hairstyles, of nice things.” Joy, she said. That’s what she wanted. Joy.

I am reminded of the bursts of joy I witnessed in the images of Palestinians returning to northern Gaza. Singing, laughter, jubilation... despite the dehumanising brutality, the Palestinians had what Omar El Akkad described as “the asymmetrical power of joy”.

I think of this as another quality the Sudanese share with Palestinians – the asymmetrical power of joy. Unencumbered by our wrangling on moral positions, uninterested in the limitations of our imaginations. They continue to live.”

Yassmin Abdel-Magied
Sudanese-Australian author.⁴⁶



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Forced Starvation from Palestine to Sudan



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Forced Starvation from Palestine to Sudan

Both Israel and the RSF have conducted genocidal starvation campaigns against millions of people in Gaza and Sudan, respectively.⁴⁷

In addition to acts of genocide, these intentional policies of starvation amount to the war crime of using starvation as a method of warfare and the crime against humanity of extermination.⁴⁸

The Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) and the RAF have blocked the entry of aid to starving and besieged populations, preventing them from continuing their lifesaving work.⁴⁹

Both the IOF and RSF have also besieged civilian populations, blocking all aid from entering.⁵⁰ The IOF has besieged 2 million Palestinians in Gaza, with its most recent blockade resulting in no aid entering for over 50 days, and RSF fighters continue to besiege El Fasher city's two million population in North Darfur.⁵¹

In both cases, humanitarian organisations have the necessary aid and food supplies available but are being prevented from accessing those in need.⁵²

Forced Starvation in Gaza

The IOF has intentionally starved Gaza through preventing the entry of aid into the Gaza Strip since October 2023.⁵³ Due to Israel's 17-year blockade of Gaza, the Palestinian population was reliant upon 500 trucks of aid per day to survive prior to October 2023.⁵⁴

Israel's forced starvation has been intensified by the complete blockade of all entering the Gaza Strip since 2 March 2025.⁵⁵ There are no food supplies to keep public kitchens and bakeries open, nor enough fuel to operate Gaza's water facilities.⁵⁶

Israel's forced starvation of Gaza is in direct violation of the binding orders of the International Court of

Justice (ICJ) regarding the prevention of genocide of Palestinians in Gaza.⁵⁷

Israel is also forcibly starving Palestinians in Gaza through its destruction of Gaza's healthcare system and repeated, intentional attacks on humanitarian and aid workers, most recently massacring 15 Palestinian paramedics in Gaza.⁵⁸

These systematic attacks on humanitarian workers have forced many aid organisations to withdraw all international staff from Gaza, and to shut down the operations of Palestinian staff.⁵⁹

Most gravely, on 24 March 2025, the United Nations (UN) which operates UNWRA – the largest humanitarian organisation providing food aid in Gaza – has decided to scale down its operations in Gaza, following Israeli attacks on a UN compound in Dier al-Balah on 19 March.⁶⁰

Forced Starvation in Sudan

Forced starvation was first recorded in Sudan in Zamzam refugee camp in North Darfur in August 2024, and it has since spread to further areas of North Darfur and the Western Nuba mountains.⁶¹

There is also estimated to be forced starvation in other areas of Sudan experiencing intense fighting, including Khartoum and Al Jazeera, but due to the high level of violence humanitarian organisations have been unable to enter and assess the level of famine.⁶²

About half of Sudan's population – almost 25 million people – are in urgent need of food aid, and there is a high risk of starvation spreading further.⁶³

In 2025, 146,000 Sudanese children are projected to suffer from severe acute malnutrition, which makes them 11 times more likely to die than the average child.⁶⁴

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Forced starvation is compounded by the war's devastating impact on Sudanese health infrastructure, with 38 percent of hospitals in the regions worst affected by fighting being non-operational.⁶⁵ The remaining hospitals in these regions are only partially functioning.⁶⁶

“Israel is not backing one side or the other [in Sudan]. It has investments in both of these military gangsters, and it wants to ensure that, whoever prevails, Israel will have good relationships with General Burhan of the Sudanese army or Hemedti.”

Dr Nader Hashemi

Director of the Centre for
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University of Denver.⁶⁷



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Sexual Violence from Palestine to Sudan



Sexual Violence from Palestine to Sudan

In both Palestine and Sudan, sexual assault, violence, and rape has been used as a weapon by occupying forces to oppress and dominate occupied populations.⁶⁸

Israeli Sexual Violence Against Palestinians

Since 1948, the IOF has systematically employed sexual violence against Palestinians across occupied Palestine, which has intensified significantly since Israel's genocide in Gaza began.⁶⁹ Israeli sexual violence has been directed at all genders and ages – women, men, girls, and boys.⁷⁰

Some of the main forms of sexual violence used include forced public stripping and nudity, sexual harassment including threats of rape, sexual assault, rape, violence to genitals, and sexual torture, often either under explicit orders or implicit encouragement by Israel's civilian and military leadership.⁷¹

In the occupied West Bank, illegal Israeli settlers commit acts of sexual violence with full impunity, creating a climate of fear amongst Palestinian women and girls in particular.⁷²

IOF forces have also repeatedly targeted and destroyed sexual and reproductive healthcare facilities across Gaza and prevented the entry of medication and medical supplies to ensure safe pregnancies, deliveries, and post-partum, and neonatal care – causing many deaths of both mothers and infants during pregnancy, childbirth, and immediately after birth.⁷³

In August 2024, after a video emerged showing Israeli torturers gang-raping a Palestinian prisoner in Sde Teiman torture chamber, the 10 rapists were arrested.⁷⁴ Instead of being sickened by

these depraved acts of sexual cruelty, Israeli mobs rioted outside Sde Teiman in support of the rapists, demanding that they be released and that Israelis have a right to rape Palestinians.⁷⁵

Kurdish-Israeli minister Itamar Ben-Gvir also spoke out in support of the rapists, stating that it was “shameful” to arrest “our best heroes”.⁷⁶ Another minister, Hanoach Milwidsky of Eastern European origins, when asked in the Israeli Knesset if forced sodomisation was legitimate, responded: “everything is legitimate to do! Everything!”⁷⁷

RSF Sexual Violence Against Sudanese Women and Girls

RSF soldiers have systematically raped or gang-raped hundreds of Sudanese women and girls as young as 15.⁷⁸

RSF militias have also engaged in multiple forms of sexual violence, including sexual enslavement, separating women from their breastfeeding babies, severe beatings, torture with hot liquids and sharp blades, and murder.⁷⁹

Amnesty International has described the RSF's sexual violence as “sickening, depraved and aimed at inflicting maximum humiliation”.⁸⁰

The RSF has used rape as a weapon against women from areas suspected of SAF affiliation, and female medical workers have been raped in instances where they were unable to save wounded RSF soldiers.⁸¹

The trauma of the RSF's sexual violence continues long after the act itself, with many survivors – who have not been able to access care due to the ongoing fighting and stigma and reprisals within Sudanese society – suffering from kidney pains,

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irregular periods, walking difficulties and long-term psychological suffering.⁸² Children who witnessed relatives being raped also suffer from repeated nightmares.⁸³

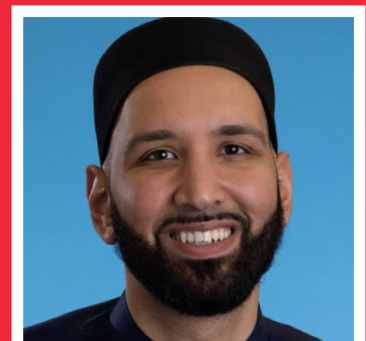
In one incident alone, over 130 Sudanese women elected to commit mass suicide to avoid rape by the RSF, after the militia took control of the area where they lived.⁸⁴

“Palestinians have always had to fight for visibility. When their voices have been blocked from mainstream platforms, they have taken to social media. When their protests have been ignored, they have organised bigger ones. When they have been erased, they have made themselves impossible to forget.

Sudan is a similar story in many ways, but it has its own unique considerations. If Palestine is deliberately censored, Sudan is almost entirely ignored. The Sudanese people have been devastated by a war that has destroyed their country. Nearly every war crime imaginable has been committed against the Sudanese people. The scale of suffering is staggering: Tens of thousands of civilians have been killed, more than eight million people have been forcibly displaced, entire villages burned to the ground and famine is looming. And yet Sudan remains barely a footnote in Western media.

Sudanese activists have responded with the hashtag #EyesOnSudan, a desperate plea for the world to pay attention. But their cries, like those of Palestinians, are met with deafening silence.”

Imam Omar Suleiman⁸⁵



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Israel's Role in Sudan's Genocide



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Israel's Role in Sudan's Genocide

RSF Genocide

Whilst committing genocide in Gaza, Israel has also aided and abetted the RSF's genocide in Sudan, by supplying the RSF with Israeli weapons.⁸⁶

Since the fighting between the RSF and SAF began in 2023, RSF militants have been pictured using Israeli-made LAR-160 smart artillery missiles, and the RSF is employing Israeli spyware technology to increase its surveillance capabilities.⁸⁷ The RSF has also been working with Mossad on "security and counterterrorism issues".⁸⁸

Collaboration between Israel and the RSF dates back to at least 2019, when the head of the RSF signed a deal with a lobbying firm founded by a former Mossad operative, Ari Ben-Menashe, who has had deals with Libyan militants whose forces are also accused of war crimes.⁸⁹

To bolster relations with Israel, in April 2023 the RSF removed the word "al-Quds" (Jerusalem) from its logo and promised to combat "radical Islamists".⁹⁰

Beyond the financial benefit to Israel's weapons industry from selling arms to the RSF, Israel is invested in finalising normalisation agreements between Sudan and Israel, irrespective of the military leader in charge of Sudan.⁹¹

Whilst arming the RSF, Israel is simultaneously courting leaders of the SAF.⁹² In February 2023, Israel's foreign minister visited Sudan and met with Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, the leader of the 2021 coup and head of the SAF, for normalisation talks.⁹³

Then, in early April 2025, Al-Burhan secretly visited Tel Aviv to discuss finalising the normalisation agreement with Israel and obtaining military assistance from the Israeli army for the SAF's operations against the RSF.⁹⁴

Al-Burhan promised "to fulfil any obligations or conditions imposed by Tel Aviv in order to conclude the [normalisation] agreement as soon as possible", according to a source within the Sudanese army.⁹⁵

It appears that Israel's arming of the RSF acts as a threat: normalise with Israel or lose control of the country.⁹⁶

Under extensive pressure from US President Donald Trump, Sudan signed the infamous 'Abraham Accords' in 2020, which established normalisation and collaboration between several Muslim-majority nations and the Zionist entity.⁹⁷ However, Sudan's formal ratification of the treaty has been postponed due to the civil war and genocide in Sudan.⁹⁸

The Sudanese population have also held several protests against normalisation from 2020 to 2023.⁹⁹ The Sudanese population's opposition to normalisation is a central factor in Israel's support for both military factions – in order to prevent a transition to civilian rule, as envisioned in the 2018 Sudanese revolution, which would likely reverse normalisation.¹⁰⁰

Collaboration between Israel and Sudan also strategically benefits Israel, by further extending Israeli control over weapons supply routes to Gaza from the Red Sea, which has been impacted by the ongoing Yemeni resistance.¹⁰¹

The ongoing genocide in Sudan is therefore directly connected to genocide in Gaza, as Israel supports violence in Sudan to limit Palestinian resistance and Israel's international isolation.¹⁰²

By funding both military forces in Sudan, Israel also seeks to crush Sudan's popular revolution in 2018, which called for solidarity with Palestinians and an end to normalisation with Israel.¹⁰³

Israel's Role in Sudan's Genocide continued...

Israel's interest in Sudan is also the result of Polish-Israeli Prime Minister and wanted war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu's aim to open a direct flight route to South America in order to boost economic relations there, which requires a permit to overfly Sudan, as well as other African countries.¹⁰⁴

“What we are exposed to, Israel has suffered thousands of times from terrorist groups, such as Hamas and other factions that Israeli citizens know well.”

Youssef Ezzat

an advisor to RSF commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, in an interview with Israel’s Kan broadcaster.¹⁰⁵



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The UAE's Role in both Genocides



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The UAE's Role in both Genocides

UAE Complicity in Israel's Genocide in Gaza

The UAE has supported Israel's genocide in Gaza by pursuing normalisation with Israel and recruiting both SAF and RSF fighters to conduct ground operations in Yemen, targeting the Yemeni resistance to Israeli genocide in Gaza.¹⁰⁶

The UAE was one of the first Arab states to pursue normalisation with Israel in the 2020 Abraham Accords, which has expended trade and business collaboration and military and intelligence cooperation between the two governments.¹⁰⁷

This normalisation has directly emboldened Israel's intensification of genocidal campaigns against Palestinians in the years since.¹⁰⁸

A month into Israel's genocide in Gaza, the UAE hosted Polish-Israeli Prime Minister and wanted war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu despite Israel's crimes in Gaza.¹⁰⁹

Despite Israel's genocide in Gaza, almost 5,000 flights a year have continued between the UAE and Israel – at a time when many countries suspended their air travel to occupied Palestine.¹¹⁰

These flights include 10 permanent flights transporting goods, which provided key support to the Israel throughout the genocide.¹¹¹

The UAE also supported Israel's economy throughout the genocide through commercial flights and acting as an intermediary hub for transporting goods between Asia and Israel.¹¹² This has made the UAE Israel's largest Arab trading partner.¹¹³

When Yemeni resistance disrupted Israeli shipping routes through the Red Sea, cutting off around 70 percent of Tel Aviv's food imports, the UAE created

an overland logistics corridor from Dubai to Tel Aviv via Saudi Arabia and Jordan.¹¹⁴

In 2025, the UAE also hosted 34 Israeli defence firms at a major arms expo used to secure military contracts with the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF).¹¹⁵

UAE Complicity in the RSF's Genocide in Sudan

The UAE believes that if the RSF militia takes power in Sudan, it can advance Abu Dhabi's economic and political interests in the country.¹¹⁶

In addition, the UAE aims to recruit more Sudanese to fight in Libya alongside General Khalifa Haftar, the UAE's main ally in Libya.¹¹⁷

There are also direct economic incentives at play. A recent investigation by Swissaid found that the UAE is the top recipient of illegal gold smuggled out of the African continent, including Sudan, every year.¹¹⁸ Reports indicate close ties between RSF warlord Hemedti's family and Sudan's gold trade.¹¹⁹

The UAE has funded the RSF, hosted the RSF's social media team, and arranged Hemedti's diplomatic travels.¹²⁰

The UAE has also been providing military support to the RSF, with at least three air shipments from the UAE being documented transporting equipment to an airport east of Chad in one week alone — in clear violation of the UN arms embargo on Sudan.¹²¹

These UAE flights have coincided with a surge in highly sophisticated weaponry and arms used by the RSF, including drones and anti-aircraft missiles.¹²² At least one UAE cargo plane was identified as transporting lethal military aid to the RSF militia in the region.¹²³

The UAE's Role in both Genocides continued...

Documentation sent to the UN Security Council reports that Emirati passports have been found in Sudan linked to RSF soldiers, proving that the UAE is covertly operating ground troops in Sudan.¹²⁴

Injured RSF fighters have also been airlifted to Abu Dhabi military hospitals for treatment.¹²⁵

In response to this global outcry, the UAE launched a disinformation campaign denying that it backs the RSF, rejecting credible and independent reports by falsely claiming it takes no side in the war.¹²⁶

The UAE has been working to impede any independent investigation into their complicity in the RSF's genocide, with the UK reportedly attempting to suppress criticism of the UAE's role in arming Sudan's RSF militia at the UN.¹²⁷

At the UK's request, the UN Security Council postponed a meeting to discuss Sudan's complaint against the UAE.¹²⁸

“The US government aided and abetted military control in Sudan and literally bribed Sudan with removal from the US terrorism list for the sole and exclusive purpose of securing the initial sign-off on the Abraham Accords in 2020, serving Israel’s interest, but not America’s or Sudan’s.”

Sarah Leah Whitson

Sarah Leah Whitson, the Executive Director of Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN).¹²⁹



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Sudan's ICJ Case Against the UAE



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Sudan's ICJ Case Against the UAE

On 5 March 2025, Sudan filed an application at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) regarding the UAE's complicity in genocide against the Masalit people and other non-Arab ethnicities since 2023.¹³⁰

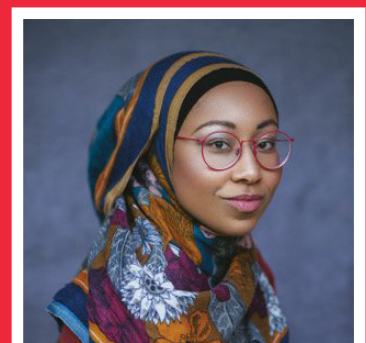
Sudan's case at the ICJ submits that the RSF is responsible for genocide and other serious human rights violations of Masalit people in West Darfur, including mass killings, rape, and forced displacement, "enabled" by the UAE.¹³¹

The application argues that the UAE "is complicit in the genocide of the Masalit through its direction and provision of extensive financial, political, and military support for the rebel RSF militia", and has requested provisional measures ordering the UAE to "take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of all acts" contributing to genocide.¹³²

The legal case is seeking that the UAE pays "full reparation for the injury caused (by) its internationally wrongful acts, including paying reimbursement to the victims of the war".¹³³

“Our causes are not in competition with each other, and freedom is not a zero-sum game. Talking about Sudan does not – must not – come at the expense of talking about Palestine, and we must also be wary of those using the Sudanese cause to diminish the activism and agitation of Palestinians and their allies.”

Yassmin Abdel-Magied
Sudanese-Australian author.¹³⁴



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Boycotts for Palestine and Sudan



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Both Palestinian and Sudanese activists have called for global boycott campaigns of Israel and the UAE, respectively.¹³⁵

Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement for Palestine

Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) is a Palestinian-led movement for freedom, justice and equality, launched in 2005.¹³⁶

Boycotts involve withdrawing support from Israel's apartheid regime, complicit Israeli sporting, cultural, and academic institutions, and all Israeli and international companies engaged in violations of Palestinian human rights.¹³⁷

The main corporations targeted by the BDS movement's boycott are: Chevron, Intel, DELL, Siemens, HP, Carrefour, AXA, Reebok, Disney+, SodaStream, RE/MAX, and Israeli produce. The BDS movement also supports the boycott of McDonald's, Coca Cola, Burger King, Papa John's, Pizza Hut, Domino's Pizza, and WIX.¹³⁸

Divestment campaigns urge banks, local councils, churches, pension funds, and universities to withdraw investments from the State of Israel and all Israeli and international companies that sustain Israeli apartheid.¹³⁹

Sanctions campaigns pressure governments to fulfil their legal obligations to end Israeli apartheid and not aid or assist its maintenance by banning business with illegal Israeli settlements, ending military trade and free-trade agreements, as well as suspending Israel's membership in international forums such as UN bodies and FIFA.¹⁴⁰

Boycott of the UAE

Sudanese activists have called for a boycott of Emirati services and goods, and all travel to the UAE.¹⁴¹ The main targets of the boycott are Emirati dates and nuts, Dubai chocolate, UAE tourism and airlines, UAE affiliated businesses, UAE gold, and UAE sponsored events.¹⁴²

The main corporations targeted include Emirates Airlines, Flydubai, Etihad Airways, Uber, Nestle, Shell, BP, and Microsoft.¹⁴³

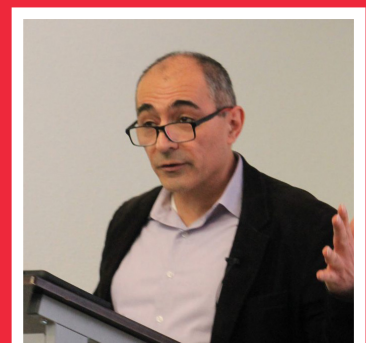
The campaign for a boycott of the UAE successfully resulted in American rapper Macklemore cancelling his planned concert in Dubai over the UAE's role in funding the RSF's genocide in Sudan.¹⁴⁴

“We see how the focus of US foreign policy in Sudan was not the suffering and the socio-economic and political concerns of 45 million Sudanese. It was very much preserving the authoritarian order in the Arab world.

A lot of energy coming from the US with respect to Sudan policy was geared toward getting Sudan to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. [...] the objective was much more regional and supporting the relationship between Israel and Arab authoritarian regimes.”

Dr Nader Hashemi

Director of the Centre for Middle East Studies at the University of Denver.¹⁴⁵



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Western Media Bias



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Calling genocide, ethnic cleansing and war crimes a ‘conflict’ or a ‘crisis’

Western media consistently downplays the severity of ethnic cleansing and genocide as merely conflicts or wars, undermining the urgency and gravity of the situation.

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The mother and children trapped between two conflicts

FINANCIAL TIMES

“Sudan’s unfolding humanitarian crisis”

The Guardian

Despair in Gaza as Israeli aid blockade creates crisis ‘unmatched in severity’

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Bowen: Long-overdue ceasefire may stop the killing but won't end the conflict

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Casting doubt when there is clear evidence of war crimes and genocide

Western media undermines direct evidence of war crimes and genocide by using qualifiers like 'may', 'possible', and scare quotes to suggest there is insufficient evidence.

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Hundreds may have been killed in recent Darfur attacks, says UN

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Possible genocide committed in Sudan, report says

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Israel accused of possible war crime over killing of West Bank boy

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Western Media Bias continued...

Portraying an intentional genocidal campaign of forced starvation as a famine

Western media portrays systematic policies of siege and forced starvation as famine or hunger, misrepresenting an intentional policy as a natural and unavoidable disaster.



As Gaza suffers, hunger watchdog refrains from using the F word: famine



'High risk' of famine in Gaza persists, new UN-backed report says



Sudan slides deeper into famine, experts say



Dispatch: Children reduced to skin and bones in war-torn Sudan's forgotten famine

“We fail Palestine when we do not comprehend the consequences of the isolation forced on us by the global tribal Zionist financial capitalism, itself an outcome of assimilating [its] language without creating and developing our own language with which we can face our global and local enemies.”

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