

# سفارة جههورية السودان كانبرا - استراليا

# Ministry of Foreign Affairs <u>Press Release</u> (Unofficial Translation)

The Security Council of the United Nations held an emergency meeting on 25/4/2023 on what is happening in Sudan, with the participation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of Mission of UNITAMS, the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and the Executive Secretary of the IGAD and Permanent Observer of the African Union.

The Council heard briefings on the situation in Sudan by the Sudanese representative to the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, his Special Representative in the Sudan, and the representative of the Chairperson of the African Commission.

The Council expressed its concern over the ongoing clashes and its consequences on the civilians, calling for adherence to the current truce, the protection of civilians, diplomatic missions and international organizations, and providing of safe humanitarian corridors for humanitarian workers with the need to facilitate the evacuations processes for the civilians.

The Council referred to the priority of the role of the countries of the region in resolving the conflict, especially the IGAD and the African Union and the Arab League, in order to uphold the principle of "African solutions to African problems".

The Council commended the care and security services exerted by the Sudanese Government to evacuate foreign nationals and workers in diplomatic missions and international organizations.

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سفارة جمهورية السودان كانبرا - استراليا

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs Statement

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Despite of the commitment of the Sudanese Armed Forces to the truce to which the rebel forces agreed and achieved by mediation from Saudi Arabia and the United States, serious violations led by the rebel elements were observed during the first day of the truce.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to state that a number of diplomatic missions had been targeted by the direct attack of the rebel forces, as the Indian Embassy was subjected to a gunfire, and they have forcedly entered into the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman and stole one of its cars.

The Ministry has also received reports from a number of diplomatic missions indicating that the rebel forces were stationed in front of their premises and have destroyed the surveillance cameras of the South Korean Embassy, the Russian Federation, Syria, Yemen, Ethiopia and Morocco without taking into account the sanctity of these embassies or the international laws and customs related to the protection of the diplomatic missions.

In addition, and despite of the declared truce, the rebel forces continue to loot citizens' property and attack passers-by during their daily movements.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns these serious violations of the truce and calls on the international community and the truce mediators to condemn the criminal and terrorist behavior of the rebel forces.

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#### EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THESUDAN CANBERRA - AUSTRALIA



# سفارة جمهورية السودان كانبرا - استراليا

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs Statement

The leadership of the Sudanese Armed Forces responded to the Saudi-American mediation request to approve a new truce for a period of 72 hours, starting from the morning of Tuesday, April 25, in confirmation of its keenness to protect civilians and respect international humanitarian law.

And while reminding the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the repeated breaches and violations of the rebel militias during the previous armistice period, it condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist and criminal behavior of these militias and their continued approach to targeting ambassadors, diplomats and the headquarters of diplomatic missions. The killing of the assistant administrative attaché at the Egyptian embassy is only further evidence of this behavior, which represents a terrible violation of international humanitarian law.

And while the Ministry of Foreign Affairs appreciates the efforts of the international community in approving this humanitarian truce, it notes the need to hold the rebel militias responsible for these crimes and violations against civilians, lives and property.

The monitoring of the record of these crimes and violations by the rebel Rapid Support militia confirms that it has become, by the reality of its actions, a terrorist militia involved in terrorizing citizens, killing, targeting civilians and using them as human shields, destroying the state's civil and service structure, spreading chaos and security chaos by attacking police headquarters and releasing criminals from prisons the public.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs renews the state's commitment to this humanitarian truce and stopping the fighting for the return of civilian life to normal. At the same time, it warns against using these good intentions to spread the rebel forces to commit more violations against civilians and kill citizens.

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سفارة جمهورية السودان كانبرا - استرالها

#### Ministry of Foreign Affairs Press Release

Since the eruption of the confrontations between the SAF and the insurgent RSF, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been receiving many communications from diplomatic missions, United Nations organizations and regional organizations accredited to the Republic of Sudan, stating that their headquarters and the residence of their employees have been stormed, assaulted, and intimidated, targeting ambassadors, diplomats and employees in an a way which is inconsistent with Vienna convention on Diplomatic and Consular Relations ,1961 and 1963, to which the Republic of Sudan is fully committed.

To reflect it keenness about the diplomatic missions, and consistent with the duty entrusted to it, the Ministry has immediately informed the competent authorities in the country about these violations. The authorities have hurriedly reinforced the security guards for these diplomatic premises, due to the exceptional circumstances the country is now undergoing. However, the desperate movements of the insurgent RSF, with armored vehicles and heavy weapons amid residential neighborhoods and civilian places have posed, a constant threat to public safety and security in general, and have placed the headquarters and staff of diplomatic missions and international and regional organizations in imminent danger.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while condemning this behavior, which is criminalized and prohibited by international law, treaties and diplomatic norms, expresses its deep regret and deep dissatisfaction with the rapid support forces' rebellious actions and illegal and immoral violations. The Ministry calls on embassies and diplomatic, international and regional missions to be alert and immediately report such incidents, and warns against causing harm to the headquarters of diplomatic missions, their employees, and international and regional organizations, as this is prohibited according to international law and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic and Consular Relations.

April 18, 2023

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THESUDAN CANBERRA - AUSTRALIA



سفارة خلاورية السودان كانبرا - استراليا

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs Press release

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sudan appeals to the international community, represented by the United Nations, the African Union and all other international and regional organizations, to condemn the insurgency of the Rapid Support Forces against the Sudanese Armed Forces, as the latter are the official and legitimate institution responsible for the stability and maintenance of peace and security in the Republic of Sudan, which is inextricably linked to the security and stability of the region. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also calls on the United Nations and its Member States to strongly condemn the use of the rebels and the continuation of fighting in cities and residential areas, including diplomatic missions, as they pose a danger to civilians and also affect women and children, resulting in a flagrant breach and violation of international norms.

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#### EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THESUDAN CANBERRA - AUSTRALIA



# سفارة جُلهوريث السودان كانبرا - استراليا

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs Press release

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of the Sudan would like to clarify to the public opinion and the international community the following facts:

The unfortunate events that occurred on Saturday, April 15, 2023 resulted from the RSF's rebellion against the Sudanese Armed Forces in a number of locations in the capital and some other cities, following the attack that the RSF launched against the residence of the President of the TSC, which is located next to the General Command of the Armed Forces. The attack took place on the same day where the scheduled meeting between the President of the Sovereignty Council, the Commander-in-Chief, and the Commander of the RSF was supposed to take place. This indicates bad intention on the part of the FRS. Accordingly, the Armed Forces responded, driven by their national duty and responsibility to achieve security and stability in the country, in order to defeat the attack and expel the RSF from the vicinity of the General Command and other headquarters the rebel forces tried to seize, such as the Republican Palace, Khartoum Airport, and the Radio & Television headquarters.

As a result of the rebellion of the FRS Command, the President of the TSC and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces issued a decision to dissolve the RSF and declares it a rebellious force against the state, and it will be dealt with on this basis.

It should be noted that all national, regional and international mediations that sought to persuade the FRS Command to integrate into the armed forces have failed due to the intransigence of its leaders.

In the midst of the confrontations that are still ongoing with the dissolved RSF remnants, the Ministry affirms that the Armed Forces have adopted a combat strategy with a view to minimizing losses among civilians and private and public property, although these measures may take some time to end the control of the FRS remnants over the government sites.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirms that the competent authorities have taken all necessary measures to protect all headquarters and staff of diplomatic missions accredited to Khartoum.

The Ministry expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Arab and African countries and the international community to help calm the situation in the country, and would like to stress that this; it should be dealt with as an internal matter and the Sudanese alone are able to settle it, therefore, International interference in matters that falls within the domestic jurisdiction of States is not the right way to resolve the issue in question.

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