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The most forgotten war in the world - Sudan

"Sudan is one of the world's largest humanitarian crises, yet it is also one of its most overlooked." This is what the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Special Envoy for Sudan, Derk Segaar, told reporters in Geneva after returning from Sudan.

The IFRC has called for greater international support for Sudan, saying humanitarian needs are escalating rapidly while funding falls increasingly short. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/8/4/red-cross-urges-international-aid-as-sudan-crisis-deepens>

"The war in Sudan is devastating lives and denying people their most basic rights, including health, water, food and safety. The health system has been crippled, leaving millions without essential health care," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. <https://www.who.int/news/item/14-04-2026-after-three-years-of-conflict--sudan-faces-a-deeper-health-crisis>

In this civil war between the Sudanese army and the Rapid Support Forces, a million people have already been killed, with 15 million forced to flee their homes, while 25 million face acute hunger. It is now the largest displacement and food security crisis in the world. This also makes it almost impossible for small farmers, most of whom are women, to produce food for their children and their communities, when they are displaced, often several times over. That means they lose both the land they know how to farm productively, the seeds they save each year, and the knowledge that has been passed down to them by previous generations. The importance of women in conserving biodiversity both in the wild and in farming is vital but still overlooked.

As the civil war entered its 1,210th day, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Amina Mohammed told an informal UN Security Council session that more than 8 million school-age children in Sudan are unable to go to school because of the ongoing civil war that began more than three years ago. Nearly three quarters of schools have been damaged or destroyed. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/8/8/sudans-war-threatens-an-entire-generations-future-un-warns>

Britain, with its standing in the UN and its close relationship with the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which it supplies with arms, could play a key role in ending the Sudan conflict. The Rapid Support Forces (RSF) are supported by UAE - it has even been claimed that advanced UK arms supplied to them are being sent by the UAE to the RSF. The executive director of the Humanitarian Research Lab at the Yale School of Public Health, said: "The UK has not once called on the United Arab Emirates to stop arming the [paramilitary Rapid Support Forces] RSF..." <https://news.sky.com/story/sudan-war-the-uaes-role-in-this-conflict-is-under-increasing-scrutiny-and-so-is-britains-13572327>

Women in Black London express our solidarity with the people of Sudan and call for stronger action to end the terrible civil war that is causing so much suffering to Sudan's people, particularly its women and children.

We call on Prime Minister Andy Burnham to use British influence to speak out on this war, and prevent British arms sold to the UAE from being used in Sudan. The UK government should release emergency aid and support all action to ensure a ceasefire and an end to the conflict.

Women in Black hold vigils every Wednesday between 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the National Portrait Gallery, St. Martin's Place, London WC2. Our vigils are silent, women-only and if possible, we wear black. We welcome all women who support our call for an end to militarism and war.

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