

Statement from the Sudan Doctors' Union- UK Branch

Urgent appeal

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The SDU-UK urgently appeal to all the International and Human Rights Organisations to strongly condemn the brutality and violence against peaceful protesters in Khartoum. We would like to highlight the urgent security situation in Sudan and call for immediate attention and actions.

We hold the transitional military council, its militias and the Janjawid forces (Rapid Response Forces) direct responsibility for all killings, torture & the escalation of unprecedented and unjustifiable violence perpetuated on the 3rd of June 2019.

The TMC and the Janjaweed militias are committing the most vile of atrocities against unarmed peaceful protesters and civilians in Khartoum since the dawn of this day. They have stormed into hospitals and proceeded to lash and shoot live ammunition at patients and the health workforce and are indiscriminately arresting doctors.

There are confirmed reports of rising number of deaths (30) and rape assaults.

The roads from and to Khartoum have been locked and the internet is being interrupted.

The people of Sudan led a peaceful non-violent resistance for 5 months that gained respect and recognition internationally as a very positive example for change towards freedom and change peacefully.

Today peaceful protesters were shot at with intention to kill, many bodies thrown in the river Nile and survivors were denied access to rescue teams. Ambulance vehicles carrying civilians in critical conditions were blocked from entering the hospitals. Hospitals were invaded and medical clinics were surrounded by militias to prevent urgent and emergency care.

We call for the immediate condemnation of this massacre and TMC to hand over swiftly to a civilian government.

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