

SUDAN

This Unison branch notes

- a. That demonstrations beginning in December 2018 over spiralling costs of living have developed into a mass protest movement calling for peaceful democratic change which is supported by Sudan's independent trade unions, professional associations and opposition political parties.
- b. That for 30 years, Sudan had been ruled by a military regime headed by General Omar El Bashir who is wanted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide committed in Darfur. In April 2019 the Sudan Transitional Military Council (TMC) replaced El Bashir
- c. That the TMC has responded to the protests and strikes by workers in health care, banking, legal, teaching and utility sectors by killings, beatings, rape and torture, including a massacre on June 3rd, 2019 at a peaceful sit-in outside Army HQ in Khartoum.
- d. That although discussions between the TMC and the Alliance for Freedom and Change (the umbrella opposition movement), mediated by the African Union and Ethiopian Government have resulted in the signing of a Political Accord, transition to a civilian government is by no means assured

This Unison branch believes

- a. That as public sector workers and members of UNISON, we have a responsibility to defend human and trade union rights wherever they are under attack
- b. That the people of Sudan have the right to protest and organize without fear of oppression
- c. That a genuinely independent investigation must be held into the crimes of violence committed during the uprising and perpetrators prosecuted accordingly
- d. That the UK must play an active role in supporting Sudanese to move from military dictatorship to civilian led government.

This Unison branch resolves

- a. To send a message in solidarity with the demands of the uprising to the Sudanese Associations and Trade Unions in the UK c/o Sudan Doctors Union – UK: sdu@sdu.org.uk
<https://www.sdu.org.uk/>
- b. To call on our national union to mobilise support for the Sudanese uprising across the trade union and labour movement and in our role as an affiliate to the Labour Party
- c. To publicise the demands of the Sudanese uprising and information about the situation there to our members, encouraging them to attend protests and solidarity actions.

Motion passed on 24.07.19 at Branch Committee Meeting of UNISON, West London