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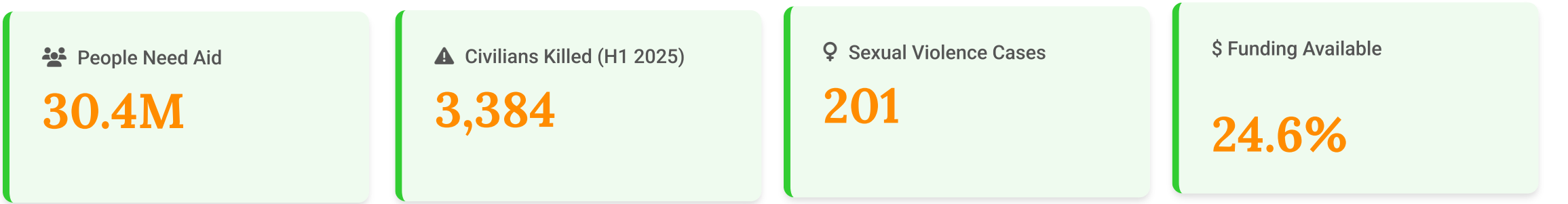
Monitoring and promoting human rights in Sudan

Human Rights Situation in Sudan

September 2025

Executive Summary

Sudan continues to experience a **severe humanitarian crisis** with unprecedented violations of human rights. This report documents grave violations committed against civilians during September 2025, reflecting the catastrophic repercussions of ongoing conflict, health system collapse, and widespread epidemics.



Introduction:

This report reviews the humanitarian and health situation, documenting attacks on civilians, destruction of property, and the collapse of vital services. Our findings are based on field monitors, witness testimonies, Ministry of Health data, media sources, and human rights organizations.

Humanitarian Crisis Overview

Aid Gap Crisis

Indicator	Value	Details
Total Population in Need	30.4 million	Nationwide humanitarian needs
Funding Required	\$4.2 billion	Full funding needs
Funding Available	24.6%	Critical shortfall
Population Supported (Current)	21 million	With full funding
Revised Target	18 million	\$3 billion funding (availability unknown)
Funding Gap	75.4%	CRITICAL GAP



Critical Alert:

The siege of El Fasher by the Rapid Support Forces has exacerbated the humanitarian crisis, preventing aid delivery and causing severe shortages of food, medicine, and essential supplies. This situation has contributed significantly to rising mortality rates across affected populations.

Health Crisis Analysis: Disease Outbreaks

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⚙ Disease Outbreaks by State

State	Disease	Cases	Deaths
Gezira	Dengue Fever	688	127
	Malaria	1,467	231
Khartoum	Chikungunya	456	101
	Dengue Fever	14,012	4
Darfur	Cholera	13,149	554
South Kordofan	Cholera	5,000+	--

🏢 Federal Ministry of Health Data

- 2,065 dengue cases reported across 5 states
- 1,194 cholera cases reported across 13 states

🏥 MSF Al-Ban Jadid Hospital

- 563 cholera cases (Aug 24-Sep 13)
- 664 mobile clinic cases treated








Critical Situation:

South Kordofan: 350,000 people malnourished, 3,000+ newborn deaths
Schools closed: 15-day suspension due to disease outbreak (Sep 21, 2025)

Health System Collapse & Impact on Workers

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Health System Collapse

-  Widespread hospital closures across conflict zones
-  Critical medicine and supply shortages
-  Systematic looting of medical facilities
-  Denial of care to vulnerable populations
-  Sharply rising civilian mortality rates




The health system has been severely compromised by targeted attacks on infrastructure, displacement of healthcare workers, and interruption of supply chains. Most hospitals in conflict areas are non-operational, with patients facing life-threatening circumstances without access to essential care.

Impact on Healthcare Workers

Documented casualties among healthcare personnel:

- 30** healthcare workers killed
- 8** healthcare workers injured
- 11** executed in North Darfur

Additional impacts:

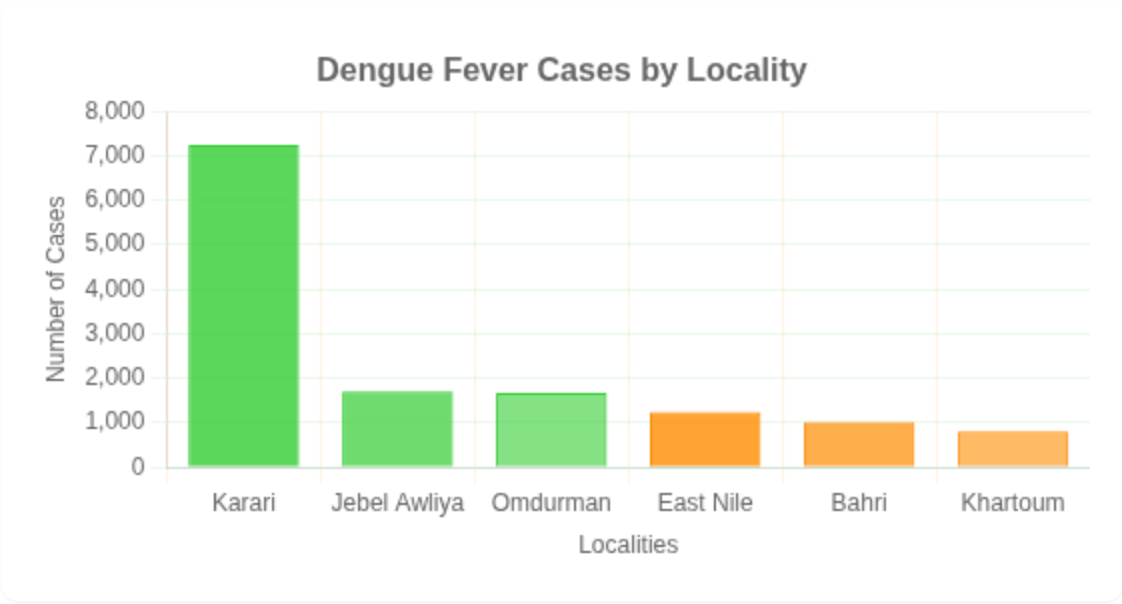
-  Systematic looting of medical equipment
-  Mass displacement of trained personnel
-  Targeted attacks on medical convoys

Geographic Distribution of Violations

Khartoum: Dengue Fever by Locality

Locality	Cases	% of Total
Karari	7,245	53.1%
Jebel Awliya	1,702	12.5%
Omdurman	1,676	12.3%
East Nile	1,241	9.1%
Bahri	1,019	7.5%
Khartoum	809	5.9%
Total	13,692	100%

Cases Distribution






Analysis:

Karari locality shows significantly higher infection rates, accounting for over half of all dengue fever cases in Khartoum. This concentration suggests targeted health interventions are urgently needed in this area to prevent further spread.




Refugee Camp Crisis: Wad Sharifi

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Cholera Outbreak

-  49 cholera cases reported
-  4 deaths within 4 days
-  Rapid spread without containment

Medical Staffing





-  1 doctor available
-  4 nurses on duty
-  Severe understaffing for camp size

Camp Conditions

-  No isolation center available
-  Critical medical supplies shortage
-  Meals limited to rice only
-  Inadequate sanitation facilities

Humanitarian Impact

Critical humanitarian consequences:

-  High mortality risk
-  Widespread malnutrition
-  Disease spread without containment
-  Children particularly vulnerable



Timeline of Major Violations – September 2025

September 2025 witnessed several **devastating attacks** on civilians across Sudan, with significant casualties and destruction. The following timeline documents the major violations recorded during this period.

 **September 19**

El Fasher Mosque Drone Attack

48 civilians killed during dawn prayers

 **September 20**

North Darfur Officials Targeted

North Darfur government secretary and his wife killed by drone strike

 **September 23**

RSF Market Attack

27 civilians killed near Abu Qurun school

 **September 12**

Abu Shouk Camp Shelling

Over 50 attacks reported, 240 new graves documented by Yale University report

Pattern of Violence:

These incidents represent a **systematic pattern** of targeting civilians and critical infrastructure. The attacks appear to be ethnically and politically motivated, with evidence suggesting deliberate targeting of communities perceived as resistant to military control.

Violations Against Civilians

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Casualty Statistics

3,384

Civilians Killed
First Half 2025

990

Killed Outside Hostilities
Targeted Violence

201

Sexual Violence Cases
Documented Incidents





These figures represent officially documented cases only. The actual number of violations is believed to be significantly higher due to under-reporting and limited access to conflict areas.

El Fasher Deaths & Sources

450-600

September Deaths in El Fasher
Unofficial Estimates

Information Sources:

-  UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
-  Field Monitor Reports
-  Ministry of Health Records
-  Media Monitoring
-  Human Rights Organizations

September Patterns and Observations

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RSF Shelling of El Fasher

- ⚠️ **450–600** estimated deaths (unofficial sources)
- 👥 Predominantly civilian casualties
- 💣 Widespread use of explosive weapons in populated areas
- 🎯 Deliberate targeting of community gathering spots
- 🕌 Religious sites targeted during prayer times

The Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have intensified shelling operations in El Fasher throughout September 2025, employing siege tactics that prevent humanitarian access and trap civilians within the conflict zone. Field reports indicate systematic destruction of infrastructure necessary for civilian survival.

Targeting Patterns

Violations appear to be:

- 🎯 Ethnically motivated targeting
- 🚩 Politically motivated violence
- ✊ Targeting communities for resistance
- 📍 Geographic control as strategic objective

Reported tactics:

- 💀 Public executions to instill fear
- 🏠 Destroying community leadership structures
- 🚗 Use of armed vehicles in civilian areas

Timeline of Additional September 2025 Incidents

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Chronology of September Violence

The following incidents supplement the major violations documented elsewhere in this report, demonstrating the continued pattern of targeted violence against civilians and infrastructure.

- September 2, 2025**
Security forces committed acts of violence against civilians in Khartoum, Omdurman, and East Nile regions, resulting in multiple casualties and property damage.
- September 6, 2025**
15 civilians killed by RSF forces on the El Fasher-Tawila Road while attempting to flee the conflict zone.
- September 9, 2025**
Multiple drone attacks reported in the Al-Markhiyat area, targeting civilian infrastructure and causing significant casualties.
- September 11, 2025**
Targeted killings of community leaders and healthcare workers reported across multiple regions. Critical water infrastructure destroyed.
- September 14, 2025**
Continued infrastructure targeting with multiple attacks on civilian transport routes, preventing humanitarian access to isolated communities.
- September 16, 2025**
Major incident in El Fasher: 18 civilians killed and 14 abducted, including women and children. Local markets and schools targeted.

Major Bombing Incidents

Date	Location	Target	Casualties	Perpetrator
Aug 30, 2025	Nyala	Hospital Complex	23 killed, 47 injured	Sudanese Armed Forces
Aug 30, 2025	North Kordofan	Residential Area	17 killed, 32 injured	RSF Drone Strike
Sep 12, 2025	Bara City	Market District	41 killed, 68 injured	Artillery Exchange (Both)
Sep 16, 2025	El Fasher	Eastern District	18 killed, 29 injured	RSF Artillery
Sep 19, 2025	El Fasher	Mosque (Dawn Prayers)	48 killed, 72 injured	RSF Drone Strike
Sep 23, 2025	Abu Qurun	School Market Area	27 killed, 42 injured	RSF Ground Attack
Sep 26, 2025	Abu Shouk Camp	Displaced Persons Camp	13 killed, 31 injured	RSF Artillery
Sep 28, 2025	Khartoum	Medical Storage Facility	11 killed, 19 injured	SAF Airstrike

! This data represents documented major incidents only. Many smaller attacks go unreported due to communication challenges and restricted access. Casualty figures are likely underestimated.

El Fasher Mosque Attack – Overview

On September 19, 2025, a **devastating drone attack** targeted civilians during dawn prayers at a mosque in El Fasher. This represents one of the most severe single incidents in the ongoing conflict, with **48 people killed** while engaged in religious worship, including community leaders, medical professionals, and civilians.

 Total Casualties

48 killed

 Date of Attack

Sep 19, 2025

 Target

Dawn Prayers

Notable Victims:

The attack claimed the lives of prominent community figures including **Adam Wad Al-Sheikh** (Head of Native Administration, Abu Shouk Camp), **Dr. Omar Ishaq Salk** (Physician), and **Prof. Adam Ibrahim Ahmed** (Dean of Faculty of Medicine). The attack particularly targeted community leadership and healthcare professionals. **A complete victim list follows on the next slide.**

El Fasher Mosque Attack – Victim List



September 19, 2025: Dawn Prayer Attack

48 civilians killed during dawn prayers at El Fasher mosque. Victims included community leaders, medical professionals, and civilians.

Name	Position/Description	Age Group
Adam Wad Al-Sheikh	Head of Native Administration, Abu Shouk Camp	Adult
Omar Ishaq Salk	Doctor	Adult
Adam Ibrahim Ahmed	Dean of Faculty of Medicine	Adult
Mahmoud Hassan Ali	Community Elder	Senior
Ahmed Mohammed Yusuf	Teacher	Adult
Ibrahim Abdallah	Student	Youth
Fatima Osman	Nurse	Adult
Khalid Mohammed Salih	Camp Coordinator	Adult

Source: Field documentation, witness testimonies, and medical records. Complete list available in full report.

Violations Against Women and Children

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Gender-Based Violence

- 135 women suicides post-rape
- 600+ sexual violence victims (Apr 2023–Sep 2025)
- 475 girls forced into marriage

Documented patterns:

- ⚠ Gang rapes as weapon of war
- ⚠ Forced sexual services in captivity
- 👥 RSF identified as primary perpetrator

Sexual violence is being systematically deployed as a weapon of war, with documented cases of women and girls being held in sexual slavery. Multiple reports indicate coordination and ethnic targeting patterns, particularly in Darfur and Khartoum states.

Child-Specific Violations

- Child soldier recruitment:
- 300 child soldiers in El Geneina (RSF training)
 - 70+ children recruited in White Nile State
 - Ages as young as 12 documented in combat roles

Additional impacts on children:

- 🏫 Mass school closures affecting education
- 💔 Severe trauma from witnessed violence
- 👤 Malnutrition and disease vulnerability





Arbitrary Arrests & Enforced Disappearances

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Arbitrary Arrests

Key Statistics:




5,000+ total arrests documented

-  Security forces targeting civilians with suspected resistance ties
-  Journalists particularly vulnerable to detention
-  Many charged with "undermining the constitutional system"
-  Frequent unknown fates of detainees




Arbitrary arrests have targeted political opponents, activists, journalists, and anyone suspected of supporting resistance committees. Many detainees are held incommunicado without access to legal representation or family visits. Court proceedings, when they occur, often fail to meet international fair trial standards.

Enforced Disappearances

Major Incidents:

-  **El Fasher–Mellit Road:** Systematic kidnappings for ransom
-  **Khartoum:** Abductions following security raids
-  **Journalist Cases:** Multiple media professionals detained with unknown status

Patterns Identified:

-  Ransom demands following civilian abductions
-  Security forces denying custody despite witness testimony
-  Family members abducted to pressure wanted individuals

Unfair Trials and Death Sentences

Summary of Court Decisions - September 2025

Date	Court	Sentence	Charge
Sep 7, 2025	Kassala Court	Death by hanging	Alleged collaboration with RSF
Sep 10, 2025	Khartoum North Court	15 years imprisonment	Supporting RSF activities
Sep 24, 2025	El Obeid Court	Life sentence	Alleged intelligence sharing with RSF
Sep 27, 2025	Port Sudan Military Court	Death by firing squad	Treason, supporting enemy forces
Sep 30, 2025	Gedaref Court	20 years imprisonment	Armed rebellion, supporting RSF








Fair Trial Concerns:

ACJPS expresses serious concerns regarding these proceedings, including rushed trials (often lasting less than one day), limited access to defense counsel, coerced confessions, and politically motivated charges. Many defendants report having been tortured while in detention. The pattern suggests these sentences may be used as a tool for political intimidation rather than legitimate justice.

Mass Graves & Humanitarian Catastrophe

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El Fasher: Siege & Mass Graves

-  Ongoing siege cutting off critical supplies
-  Significant expansion of mass graves
-  Severe food and service shortages
-  Civilians surviving on animal feed
-  Shortage of burial shrouds

Food Crisis

7 million SDG cost for a single meal for 20 families

Weapons Proliferation

Ongoing landmine/UXO danger across regions with complete lack of demining efforts, resulting in continued civilian casualties on roads and agricultural areas.

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Abu Shouk Camp Crisis

Documented casualties:




73 children under 5 years old died

22 elderly people died

Camp conditions:

-  Mass displacement of families
-  Near-zero water services
-  Severe medical supply shortages

Additional Killings/Incidents

-  Multiple landmine fatalities on major roads
-  RSF attacks on civilian vehicles
-  Family members unable to retrieve bodies

Conclusions & 7 Recommendations

Civilians are living in a **tragic situation** with continued violations of humanitarian law and human rights. Immediate action is required from the international community to address the catastrophic crisis.

Key Recommendations:

1. End conflict and open safe corridors for humanitarian aid to reach affected populations
2. Implement urgent hospital and healthcare system response to address disease outbreaks and health crisis
3. End all violations and ensure accountability for perpetrators through international legal mechanisms
4. Address root causes of conflict through national reconciliation dialogue and political settlement
5. Remove humanitarian barriers and ensure safety of aid workers to enable effective response
6. Provide special protection for vulnerable groups including women, children, and displaced persons
7. Support international humanitarian intervention to prevent further deterioration of the crisis

Sudan Crisis: Key Numbers & Call to Action

Crisis in Numbers

People in Need

30.4 Million

Civilians Killed (H1 2025)

3,384

Cholera Cases

13,149

El Fasher Deaths (Sept)

450-600

Days Under Siege





500+

Funding Available




24.6%

Urgent Call to Action

To the International Community:

-  Intervene immediately to end the conflict
-  Ensure safe humanitarian access corridors
-  Deploy emergency medical response teams
-  Hold perpetrators of violations accountable

To Humanitarian Organizations:

-  Scale up response to health emergencies
-  Provide support to displaced populations
-  Implement protection mechanisms for civilians

"The situation in Sudan represents one of the most severe humanitarian crises of our time. Immediate action is essential to prevent further catastrophic loss of life."

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