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# MONITORING AND DOCUMENTATION PROGRAM

## Publication of Urgent Human Rights Alerts

During the year 2025, the African Center for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) continued to leverage its well-established monitoring networks and secure documentation systems to collect, verify, and disseminate timely information on human rights violations across Sudan. Through systematic field reporting and rigorous verification protocols, ACJPS maintained a consistent public advocacy presence, publishing 63 urgent alerts, thematic reports, and analytical updates between January and December 2025.

ACJPS publications documented a significant escalation of violence and abuses, particularly in heavily conflict-affected regions, including Darfur, Kordofan, Sennar State, and other areas impacted by active hostilities. Violations recorded during this period included deliberate attacks on civilians, indiscriminate aerial bombardments, extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests and detentions, torture, enforced disappearances, attacks on civilian infrastructure, conflict-related sexual violence, and patterns of looting and destruction of property.

Particular attention was given to the situation in El-Fashir, North Darfur, where civilians continued to face extreme risks. Among the most significant publications were:

- **“North Darfur: The RSF launches a new wave of attacks on besieged El-Fasher, targeting the Abu Shook IDP camp, causing hundreds of deaths and injuries and displacing thousands of civilians”** (04 September 2025). This publication documented large-scale civilian casualties and mass displacement resulting from intensified attacks.
- **“Conflict in Sudan: Esteemed civilians and humanitarian workers targeted by the RSF in the besieged city of El-Fasher, North Darfur”** (16 September 2025). This publication highlighted the direct targeting of humanitarian actors and respected community members, underscoring the shrinking operational space for relief efforts.
- **“North Darfur: Deep concern over the continued violation of the rights of civilians in El Fasher” (29 July 2025) and “North Darfur: Deteriorating living conditions of civilians in El Fasher”** (31 July 2025). These reports emphasized the worsening humanitarian conditions, movement restrictions, and protection concerns affecting civilians trapped by the conflict.

ACJPS also documented the growing protection risks associated with displacement and lawlessness, including the expansion of human trafficking and smuggling networks. Key analytical publications included:

- **“Human trafficking in Sudan: Root Causes, Context and Challenges” (16 June 2025)**
- **“Sudan: Caught between the hell of war and the networks of human trafficking: Escaping death into the trap of slavery” (22 April 2025)**
- **“Human trafficking and smuggling of migrants amidst the ongoing conflict” (15 September 2025)**

These reports provided critical analysis of structural drivers of trafficking, conflict-related vulnerabilities, and the urgent need for coordinated regional and international responses.

ACJPS continued to contribute to accountability and justice-oriented advocacy. Notable publications included:

- **“ACJPS Report on Human Rights Violations in Sudan since 15 April 2023,”** submitted to the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (30 April 2025), is a comprehensive documentation effort consolidating patterns of violations since the outbreak of war.
- **“We demand justice, We deserve justice: Accountability processes for victims in Sudan”** (22 May 2025). This report centered on victims’ rights, highlighting the necessity of justice, reparations, and credible accountability mechanisms.

Beyond conflict-related violations, ACJPS also reported on major incidents affecting civilian populations. For example:

- **“South Darfur State: Thousands feared dead following a landslide in Tarsin Village, Jabel Marra”** (04 September 2025) and its subsequent update (15 September 2025) documented a devastating natural disaster, associated humanitarian needs, and response efforts.

Throughout the reporting period, ACJPS publications were widely disseminated to international human rights mechanisms, diplomatic actors, media outlets, and civil society partners. This sustained documentation and advocacy strategy reinforced ACJPS’s role as a credible and trusted source of human rights information, ensuring that violations were not only recorded but brought to the attention of stakeholders capable of influencing protection, humanitarian response, and accountability processes.

Below is the list of urgent alerts, newsletters, and reports published during the reporting period:

1. **ACJPS Newsletter: Human rights violations, December 2025**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/acjps-newsletter-human-rights-violations-december-2025>
2. **‘We were threatened with rape and violence for being Masalit’ (18 December 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/we-were-threatened-with-rape-and-violence-for-being-masalit>
3. **North Darfur: At least 470 people killed at Al-Saudi hospital, and at least 250 custodial deaths have been reported at a detention facility in El-Fashir (16 December 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/north-darfur-at-least-470-people-killed-at-al-saudi-hospital-and-at-least-250-custodial-deaths-have-been-reported-at-a-detention-facility-in-el-fashir>
4. **Sudan war: At least 80 people killed and more than 100 others injured by a military drone strike on Kateela town in South Darfur (11 December 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sudan-war-at-least-80-people-killed-and-more-than-100-others-injured-by-a-military-drone-strike-on-kateela-town-in-south-darfur>
5. **ACJPS newsletter: Human rights violations in Sudan, October to November 2025 (08 December 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/acjps-mewsletter-human-rights-violations-in-sudan-october-to-november-2025>
6. **El-Fashir to Tawilla, a 35-kilometre journey through hell (15 November 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/elfashir-to-tawilla-a-35-kilometer-journey-through-hell>
7. **ACJPS Newsletter: Human rights violations in Sudan, October 2025 (06 November 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/acjps-newsletter-human-rights-violations-in-sudan-october-2025>
8. **The Human Rights Council should convene a special session on Sudan to address the situation in and around El-Fasher, North Darfur, and ensure urgent investigations (06 November 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/the-human-rights-council-should-convene-a-special-session-on-sudan-to-address-the-situation-in-and-around-el-fasher-north-darfur-and-ensure-urgent-investigations>

9. **Sudan: Urgent international action required to protect civilians and prevent further atrocities in El-Fasher (31 October 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sudan-urgent-international-action-required-to-protect-civilians-and-prevent-further-atrocities-in-el-fasher>
10. **North Darfur: Over 346 children face imminent risk of death due to starvation and malnutrition in El-Fashir city (20 October 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/north-darfur-over-346-children-face-imminent-risk-of-death-due-to-starvation-and-malnutrition-in-el-fashir-city>
11. **ACJPS Quarterly report on human rights violations in Sudan (17 October 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/acjps-quarterly-report-on-human-rights-violations-in-sudan>
12. **Human rights situation in Sudan, September 2025 (10 October 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/human-rights-situation-in-sudan-september-2025>
13. **South Darfur: Two teachers detained in Nyala city on suspicion of collaborating with SAF-led government (06 October 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/south-darfur-two-teachers-detained-in-nyala-city-on-suspicion-of-collaborating-with-the-saf-led-government>
14. **South Darfur State: Internally displaced women and girls have been targeted and subjected to sexual assault by armed individuals in Nyala town (02 October 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/south-darfur-state-internally-displaced-women-and-girls-have-been-targeted-and-subjected-to-sexual-assault-by-armed-individuals-in-nyala-town>
15. **North Darfur: At least 65 worshippers, including children, have been killed with numerous others injured as a result of an airstrike on a Mosque in El-Fasher (24 September 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/north-darfur-at-least-65-worshippers-including-children-have-been-reported-killed-with-numerous-others-injured-as-a-result-of-an-airstrike-on-a-mosque-in-el-fasher>
16. **Northern Sudan State: Two civilians apprehended and charged with crimes against the state shortly after the criminal court in Merowe dismissed previous charges and subsequently released them (23 September 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/northern-sudan-state-two-civilians-apprehended-and-charged-with-crimes-against-the-state-shortly-after-the-criminal-court-in-marawi-dismissed-previous-charges-and-subsequently-released-them>
17. **Newsletter: A report on the human rights situation in Sudan, August 2025 (17 September 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/report-on-the-human-rights-situation-in-sudan-august-2025>
18. **Conflict in Sudan: Esteemed civilians and humanitarian workers targeted by the RSF in the besieged city of El-Fasher, North Darfur (16 September 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/conflict-in-sudan-esteemed-civilians-and-humanitarian-workers-targeted-by-the-rsf-in-the-besieged-city-of-el-fasher-north-darfur>
19. **Update: Thousands are feared dead following a landslide in Tarsin village, Jabel Marra (15 September 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/update-thousands-are-feared-dead-following-a-landslide-in-tarsin-village-jabel-marra>
20. **Human trafficking and smuggling of migrants amidst the ongoing conflict (15 September 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/human-trafficking-and-smuggling-of-migrants-amidst-the-ongoing-conflict>
21. **Expressing deep concern about the continued use of sexual and gender based violence in the conflict in Sudan (10 September 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/expressing-deep-concern-about-the-continued-use-of-sexual-and-gender-based-violence-in-the-conflict-in-sudan>
22. **South Darfur State: Thousands feared dead following a landslide in Tarsin Village, Jabel Marra (04 September 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/south-darfur-state-thousands-are-feared-dead-following-a-landslide-in-tarsin-village-jabel-marra>

23. **North Darfur: The RSF launches a new wave of attacks on besieged El-Fasher, targeting the Abu Shook IDP camp, causing hundreds of deaths and injuries and displacing thousands of civilians (04 September 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/north-darfur-the-rsf-launches-a-new-wave-of-attacks-on-besieged-el-fasher-targeting-the-abushook-idp-camp-causing-hundreds-of-deaths-and-injuries-and-displacing-thousands-of-civilians>
24. **Cholera outbreak in Sudan: Detainees succumb to untreated cholera in Deqris prison in Nyala, South Darfur (02 September 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/cholera-outbreak-in-sudan-detainees-succumb-to-untreated-cholera-at-deqris-prison-in-nyala-city-south-darfur>
25. **A report on the human rights defenders' situation in Sudan (31 August 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/a-report-on-the-human-rights-defenders-situation-in-sudan>
26. **The civilians in Babanusa town, West Kordofan state, are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance amidst ongoing conflict between the SAF and RSF over the control of the town (25 August 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/the-civilians-in-babanusa-town-west-kordofan-state-are-in-urgent-need-of-humanitarian-assistance-amidst-ongoing-conflict-between-the-saf-and-rsf-over-the-control-of-the-town>
27. **South Darfur: One IDP killed and three others injured during an attack by RSF fighters in Nyala (14 August 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/south-darfur-one-idp-killed-and-three-others-injured-during-an-attack-by-rsf-fighters-in-nyala>
28. **Sudan war update: Humanitarian crisis in El-Fasher, North Darfur (08 August 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sudan-war-update-humanitarian-crisis-in-el-fasher-north-darfur-state>
29. **South Darfur: Deep concern for twenty local traders/merchants and two pharmacists abducted in Nyala city and RSF-controlled area (07 August 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/south-darfur-deep-concern-for-twenty-local-traders-merchants-and-two-pharmacists-abducted-in-nyala-city-an-rsf-controlled-area>
30. **Uganda's open-door policy gives refugees a new lease on life (05 August 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/uganda-s-open-door-policy-gives-refugees-a-new-lease-on-life>
31. **Newsletter: Human rights situation in Sudan, July 2025 (04 August 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/acjps-human-rights-newsletter-july-2025>
32. **North Darfur: Deteriorating living conditions of civilians in El Fasher (31 July 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/north-darfur-deteriorating-living-conditions-of-civilians-in-el-fasher>
33. **North Darfur: Deep concern over the continued violation of the rights of civilians in El Fasher (29 July 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/north-darfur-deep-concern-over-the-continued-violation-of-the-rights-of-civilians-in-el-fasher>
34. **Report on human rights situation in Sudan: April to June 2025 (25 July 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/report-on-human-rights-situation-in-sudan-april-to-june-2025>
35. **Human rights newsletter: June 2025 (23 July 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sudan-human-rights-newsletter-june-2025>
36. **One hundred years of agriculture and resilience, Al Jazeera and Al Managil: The story of a nation grown from the soil and shaped by development (17 July 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/one-hundred-years-of-agriculture-and-resilience-al-jazeera-and-al-managil-the-story-of-a-nation-grown-from-the-soil-and-shaped-by-development>

37. **Amidst the gunfire, voices of peace lead the ranks and defy the rifle (26 June 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/amidst-the-gunfire-voices-of-peace-lead-the-ranks-and-defy-the-rifle-part-1-2>
38. **Human trafficking in Sudan: Root Causes, Context and Challenges (16 June 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/human-trafficking-in-sudan-roots-context-and-current-challenges>
39. **Newsletter: Human rights violations in Sudan-May 2025 (16 June 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/newsletter-on-human-rights-violations-in-sudan-may-2025>
40. **Documentary films: Human rights violations in Sudan since the outbreak of war on 15 April 2023 (29 May 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/documentary-films-human-rights-violations-in-sudan-since-the-outbreak-of-war-on-15-april-2023>
41. **We demand justice, We deserve justice: Accountability processes for victims in Sudan (22 May 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/we-demand-justice-we-deserve-justice-accountability-processes-for-victims-of-sudan>.
42. **Human rights situation in Sudan (08 May 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/human-rights-situation-in-sudan>
43. **Sudan war: Call for an immediate cessation of war to enable students to sit for the national examinations (06 May 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sudan-war-call-for-an-immediate-cessation-of-war-to-enable-students-to-sit-for-the-national-examinations>
44. **ACJPS report on human rights violations in Sudan since April 15, 2025, submitted to ACHPR (30 April 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/acjps-report-on-human-rights-violations-in-sudan-since-april-15-2023-submitted-to-the-african-commission-on-human-and-peoples-rights-achpr>
45. **Sennar State: Deep concern about the increased cases of unlawful detention and the use of torture by SAF in Senjah town (29 April 2025 )** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sennar-state-deep-concern-about-the-increased-cases-of-unlawful-detention-and-the-use-of-torture-by-the-sudanese-armed-forces-saf-in-sinjah-town>
46. **Sudan: Caught between the hell of war and the networks of human trafficking: Escaping death into the trap of slavery (22 April 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sudan-caught-between-the-hell-of-war-and-the-networks-of-human-trafficking-escaping-death-into-the-trap-of-slavery>
47. **The continued targeting of the displaced by the RSF in North Darfur (22 April 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/the-continued-targeting-of-the-displaced-by-the-rsf-in-north-darfur>
48. **Joint statement: Genocide returns to Darfur (16 April 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/joint-statement-genocide-returns-to-darfur>
49. **North Darfur: Sudanese authorities must hold SAF accountable for the deaths and injuries of hundreds in the Tora area (01 April 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/north-darfur-sudanese-authorities-must-hold-saf-accountable-for-the-deaths-and-injuries-of-hundreds-in-the-tora-area>
50. **Deep concern about the recent political developments in Sudan, which could further escalate the war and worsen the human rights situation (16 March 2025)**  
<https://www.acjps.org/publications/deep-concern-about-the-recent-political-developments-in-sudan-which-could-further-escalate-the-war-and-worsen-the-human-rights-situation>

51. **Yasir Arman, a Sudanese opposition figure detained by Interpol in Kenya on fabricated and politically motivated charges (11 March 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/yasir-arman-a-sudanese-opposition-figure-detained-by-interpol-in-kenya-on-fabricated-and-politically-motivated-charges>
52. **Red Sea state: Weapon contamination silently killing, injuring, and hindering access to resources in the Takur locality (04 March 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/red-sea-state-weapon-contamination-silently-killing-injuring-and-hindering-access-to-resources-in-the-tukar-locality>
53. **Northern State: Sudanese authorities restrict access to justice by imposing hefty fees on services offered by the Attorney General's office (26 February 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/northern-state-sudanese-authorities-restrict-access-to-justice-by-imposing-hefty-fees-on-services-offered-by-the-attorney-general-s-office>
54. **North Darfur: The RSF must urgently account for the indiscriminate killings and injuring of Zamzam camp IDPs in El-Fashir (19 February 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/north-darfur-the-rsf-must-urgently-account-for-the-indiscriminate-killings-and-injuring-of-zamzam-camp-idps-in-el-fashir>
55. **Sudan lifts ban on passport issuance after targeting specific individuals on unfounded presumptions of being RSF affiliates (12 February 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sudan-lifts-ban-on-passport-issuance-after-targeting-specific-individuals-on-unfounded-presumptions-of-being-rsf-affiliates>
56. **A report documenting the human rights violations in Sudan since 15 April 2023, submitted by ACJPS to the ACHPR hybrid joint fact-finding mission on Sudan (10 February 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/a-report-documenting-the-human-rights-violations-in-sudan-since-15-april-2023-submitted-by-acjps-to-the-achpr-hybrid-joint-fact-finding-mission-on-sudan>
57. **Sudan: Three civilians arbitrarily arrested and detained by the joint forces and RSF in Blue Nile and South Darfur (04 February 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sudan-three-civilians-arbitrarily-arrested-and-detained-by-the-joint-forces-and-rsf-in-blue-nile-and-south-darfur>
58. **Sudan war: Six local gold miners arbitrarily arrested by RSF in South Darfur (24 January 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sudan-war-six-local-gold-miners-arbitrarily-arrested-by-rsf-in-south-darfur>
59. **Sudan: Civilians violated as their bodies are used to celebrate a victory by SAF and their affiliates in Al-jazeera state (23 January 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/sudan-civilians-violated-as-their-bodies-are-used-to-celebrate-a-victory-by-saf-and-their-affiliates-in-aljazeera-state>
60. **North Darfur: The fall of Sultan Ali-Dinar Museum in El-Fashir (23 January 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/north-darfur-the-fall-of-sultan-ali-dinar-museum-in-elfashir>
61. **Darfur: A region ravaged by enforced disappearance (22 January 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/darfur-a-region-ravaged-by-enforced-disappearances>
62. **South Darfur: A rise in missing persons in Nyala amidst the Sudan war (21 January 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/south-darfur-a-rise-in-missing-persons-in-nyala-amidst-the-sudan-war>
63. **Human rights violations in Central Darfur since its seizure by RSF (08 January 2025)** <https://www.acjps.org/publications/human-rights-violations-in-central-darfur-since-its-seizure-by-rsf>



# ADVOCACY PROGRAM

## 2.1 Advocacy Activities

### March 2025

On **March 24 2025**, ACJPS and FIDH signed into an [open letter](#) to the newly elected **Chairperson of the African Union Commission**, H.E. Youssouf, calling for urgent action to address the crisis in Sudan. The letter appeals for Sudan to be made the AUC's highest priority, highlighting the grave risks to civilians and the warning of atrocity crimes issued by the AU's **Special Envoy on Genocide Prevention**. It urges immediate steps including pressure for a ceasefire, convening an emergency AU Summit, halting external support to warring parties, and developing a coordinated, continent-wide response. The letter emphasizes the AU's moral responsibility and the need for inclusive engagement with Sudanese civil society.

### April 2025

At the **83rd Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)**, held in Banjul from **20 April to 9 May 2025**, an in-person FIDH delegation was present to advance advocacy on Sudan. The delegation met with Commissioners Hatem and Janet to discuss the situation and shared briefing notes with them in advance to inform their engagement. FIDH also took the floor during the NGO Forum and the Commission's panel discussion on Sudan to raise awareness of the worsening human rights and humanitarian crisis in the country.

### May 2025

As part of the dissemination and advocacy strategy for the Sudan accountability report, FIDH and ACJPS hosted a high-level launch event in Kampala, Uganda, on **21 May 2025**. Held at the Royal Suites Hotel, the event brought together over 40 key stakeholders, including civil society representatives, legal experts, diplomats, and victims' groups, under the title "We Demand Justice. We Deserve Justice": Accountability Processes for Victims of Sudan. The launch served as a platform to present the report's findings—focusing on the legal and practical effectiveness of justice mechanisms for grave human rights violations committed in Sudan since 2003, with emphasis on the current conflict that began in April 2023. The panel discussion featured Sudanese voices and legal and human rights experts who discussed gaps in accountability and proposed concrete recommendations.

The report was widely disseminated to relevant stakeholders, including UN actors, African Union bodies, ACHPR, and civil society organisations. FIDH and ACJPS are continuing their advocacy following the launch, with ongoing bilateral meetings to present the report's findings and pursue strategic engagement on justice and accountability for Sudanese victims. In parallel, a strategic planning session was held at ACJPS' offices during the mission to Kampala (19–22 May), attended by two staff from FIDH , to strengthen joint programming and coordinate next steps.

ACJPS Executive Director attended the three-day consultation on accountability, including sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), convened by the UN FFM-Sudan and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) Kenya from 28 to 30 May 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including UN agencies, international and local human rights organizations, legal experts, and civil society representatives, to discuss accountability mechanisms and SGBV issues. FIDH sat on a panel on “Next Steps in coordinating efforts towards accountability,” contributing to discussions on strategies to advance accountability in Sudan, coordination among participants, obstacles to accountability, and plans of action.

## **June 2025**

**On 19 June 2025**, ACJPS and FIDH had a virtual meeting with UN-designated Expert on Sudan, Mr. Radhouane Nouicer and Hashem Rageh, Legal Advisor, to present the findings of its recent report on justice for Sudanese victims. During the discussion, the Expert expressed strong appreciation for the report, noting that it effectively highlights key legal, procedural, and security obstacles to accountability in Sudan, including the entrenched impunity of armed groups, the lack of victim trust in the domestic legal system, and the systemic corruption and institutional weakness that hinder effective investigations and prosecutions. He stated that the report accurately reflects the on-the-ground reality and stressed the importance of continued documentation of violations by CSOs and the UN. He also underscored the need for robust legislative frameworks, ideally under UNSC direction, while expressing skepticism about the African Union’s capacity to act due to the regional nature of the conflict. Additional issues raised included the application of the death penalty to settle political scores and the jurisdictional vacuum in RSF-controlled areas. The Expert noted a potential visit to Port Sudan in July to meet the new Prime Minister, security conditions permitting.

## **July 2025**

In July 2025, ACJPS convened a strategic online networking sessions on 31 July 2025, bringing together Sudanese civil society organizations, human rights defenders, legal experts, journalists, and families of victims. These discussions were instrumental in developing coordinated advocacy strategies centered on law and institutional reforms, the rule of law, and their critical role in achieving a democratic transition and good governance in Sudan.

The session emphasized that sustainable peace and justice in Sudan are contingent upon the establishment of a civilian-led, accountable state grounded in constitutionalism, separation of powers, and respect for human rights. Participants highlighted that the collapse of state institutions and the erosion of the rule of law since the outbreak of conflict on 15 April 2023 have severely undermined access to justice for victims of human rights violations, including enforced disappearances, arbitrary detention, and sexual and gender-based violence.

The 31 July session addressed human trafficking and smuggling, revealing how the absence of rule of law and institutional collapse have enabled organized networks—often with links to armed groups and corrupt officials—to exploit displaced populations. Legal expert Ms Al-Hassan stressed that combating these crimes requires comprehensive legal frameworks, independent law enforcement, and the re-establishment of judicial oversight.

Across both meetings, participants agreed that democratic transformation is the only viable path to ending cycles of violence and ensuring long-term stability. This includes dismantling militarized governance structures, restoring an independent judiciary, and creating inclusive institutions that guarantee accountability and redress for victims.

The discussions concluded with a strong consensus on the need to strengthen civil society networks, enhance community awareness on legal rights, and advocate for institutional reforms that prioritize justice, transparency, and civilian authority. By centering rule of law and legal accountability, these networking efforts contribute to a broader vision of democratic governance and improved access to justice for all victims of human rights abuses in Sudan.

## 2.2 Advocacy before the UN Human Rights Council 60th session

Ahead of the UN Human Rights Council's 60<sup>th</sup> session (**8 September-8 October 2025**), ACJPS along with with civil society organisations, wrote to a joint letter urging the delegations to support a mandate extension for the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) for the Sudan.

In light of the serious violations of international law committed by all parties to the conflict, including alarming rates of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) against women and girls, and of the ongoing need to collect and preserve evidence and identify those responsible with a view to ensuring that they are held accountable, we thought that the Council resolution on Sudan should extend the FFM's mandate for one year. It should also request the FFM to regularly report to the Council in the framework of public debates on Sudan's human rights situation.

As the FFM highlighted in its June 2025 update: "One message emerged with resounding clarity: peace without justice is an illusion. Accountability is not a luxury; it is a prerequisite for a sustainable peace in Sudan as its very absence is amongst the key root causes of conflict. The joint letter stressed that preparations for justice should therefore be seen, and any peace agreement must address issues of justice."

Investigations and public reporting remain indispensable, with a continued strong focus on investigating the current atrocities, including crimes of SGBV perpetrated against the Sudanese people, particularly women and girls, by the warring parties.

As Sudan's conflict is ongoing and egregious violations continue to be committed by all parties to the conflict, with further needs for collection and preservation of evidence and identification of perpetrators, there is no other option for the Council but to extend the FFM's mandate.

At its 60<sup>th</sup> session, the Human Rights Council should therefore:

- Extend the mandate of the FFM, in full, for two years;
- Request the FFM to provide the Human Rights Council with oral updates on its work at its 62<sup>nd</sup> sessions, to be followed by enhanced interactive dialogues that should include the participation of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, representatives of the African Union, the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, civil society, victims and survivors and other relevant stakeholders, and comprehensive reports at its 63<sup>rd</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> sessions, to be followed by interactive dialogues, and to present the reports to the General Assembly at its 81<sup>st</sup> and 82<sup>nd</sup> sessions;
- Recommend that the General Assembly submit the reports of the FFM to the Security Council for its consideration and appropriate action in order that those responsible for human rights violations, including those that may amount to crimes under international law, are held to account, including through the expansion of the International Criminal Court's jurisdiction to cover the entire territory of Sudan and consideration of the scope for effective and targeted measures, including against those who appear to be most responsible for these crimes, taking into account the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the FFM;
- Call upon all parties concerned, including United Nations bodies, to consider implementation of the recommendations made by the FFM in its reports in order to address the dire situation of human rights in Sudan;
- Invite the FFM to consider ways of briefing all relevant United Nations bodies, including the Security Council; and
- Make clear that the Human Rights Council will remain actively seized of the matter, including by assessing the situation in Sudan and appropriate responses, which could include further extensions of the FFM's mandate.

Furthermore, we urged the Council to follow up on resolutions S-32/1, 50/1, S-36/1, 54/2, and 57/2 by requesting additional reporting by the High Commissioner, with the assistance of his designated Expert, beyond the Council's 61<sup>st</sup> session (February-April 2026).

The letter emphasized that the Council should Request the High Commissioner, with the assistance of the Expert on human rights in the Sudan, to submit to the Human Rights Council at its 64<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> sessions comprehensive reports on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and on violations and abuses committed by all parties to the conflict, to be followed by interactive dialogues with the participation of the High Commissioner and the Expert.

As civil society organizations we also urged States to pay their contributions to the UN in full and on time to mitigate the liquidity crisis and allow the FFM for Sudan, other independent investigations, and human rights bodies and mechanisms to fulfil their respective mandates, including by delivering outcomes and reports requested by intergovernmental bodies such as the Human Rights Council.

## 2.3 ACJPS Executive Director Meetings with Delegations and Participation in a Side Event

The 60th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council came at a time of extreme political, security, and human rights complexity for the Sudanese people especially the youth represent more than 60 % of the victims and survivors. During this 60th session, the state members to the human rights council will discuss the renewal of the mandate of the UN Fact-Finding Mission in Sudan, which means a great concern to the Sudanese people, especially the victims of the current war and survivors.

As a Sudanese civil society organization, the African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies among other CSOs has attended the 60 the session in Geneva from **7 to 13 September 2025** representing the voice of the vast majority of the civilian population in Sudan, including the youth.

Mr. Mossaad Mohamed Ali, the Executive Director has represented ACJPS in Geneva, participated in a side event, and held meeting with the Fact Finding Mission in addition to a series of meetings with a large number of decision-makers, diplomatic missions, and delegations from various countries to the Human Rights Council.

He was able to brief these delegations on all developments related to the political and human rights situation in Sudan with special focus on SGBV and enforced disappearance of youth. Beside highlighting the need for justice and accountability as a way to sustainable peace in Sudan, with the aim of influencing these delegation to support and adopt the draft resolution to renew the mandate of the Fact-Finding



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Mission for another year, thus contributing to ending the culture of impunity and providing justice for victims and survivors, including the youth.

These meetings with the delegations during the 60th session in Geneva has yield positive outcomes from the Human Rights Council on Monday 6 October 2025 by adopting the resolution on the renewal of the mandate of the FFM for another year until September 2026. Such renewal will definitely serve the interests of the Sudanese people especially the youth in terms of respect and protection of human rights as well as increasing access to justice for the victims and survivors of the violations particularly enforced disappearance and conflict related sexual crimes which the majority of the victims in these crimes and young men and women.

## 2.4 African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights 85<sup>TH</sup> Session

ACJPS was pleased to attend and actively participate as panelists on Sudan during the 85th ordinary session of the ACHPR held in Banjul, The Gambia. Additionally, on **October 22nd, 2025**, Sudanese human rights organizations, including ACJPS, attended a substantive meeting with Hon. Hatem Essaïem, who has a mandate for Sudan, and Hon. Commissioner Salma Sassi, the special rapporteur for refugees, asylum seekers, IDPs, and migrants in Africa. The meeting was thoughtfully organized by Defend Defenders. It was a wonderful opportunity for dialogue and collaboration.



*Mr. Amir Suleiman representing ACJPS*

## 2.5 Conference and CSO Capacity Building Workshop on ACERWC Decisions

On **30th September–3rd October 2025**, the African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) participated in the Conference on the Domestic Impact and Implementation of Decisions of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), alongside a dedicated CSO capacity-building workshop convened by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. The conference brought together a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives of the ACERWC, African Union organs, State officials, academics, and civil society actors, to critically examine the extent to which ACERWC decisions have been implemented at the national level, identify persistent challenges, and explore opportunities for strengthening their domestic impact.

ACJPS' participation was particularly significant given its role as an applicant in landmark communications before the ACERWC, including ACJPS and PLACE v. Republic of Sudan and ACJPS on behalf of Mohammed Abdulelmonim Salih v. Republic of Sudan. Engagement in both the conference and the CSO capacity building workshop enabled ACJPS to reflect on its

litigation experience, share lessons learned, and deepen its understanding of post decision advocacy and implementation strategies.



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The CSO capacity building workshop provided practical, hands on support to civil society organisations directly involved in litigation before the ACERWC, with a focus on monitoring State compliance, advocating for domestic implementation of decisions, and leveraging ACERWC jurisprudence in national legal and policy contexts. Through this engagement, ACJPS strengthened its technical and strategic capacity to use regional child rights mechanisms more effectively, reinforcing its broader work on strategic litigation, documentation, and advocacy for children’s rights in Sudan and the wider region.

## 2.6 Technical Workshops on the Implementation of Decisions during the 46<sup>th</sup> Ordinary session of the ACERWC

On 03 December 2025, ACJPS was delighted to participate in a Panel Discussion on 'Reflections from Litigant CSOs on implementation of decisions and multi-stakeholder engagement' during a Technical Workshop on Implementation of Decisions at the 46th Ordinary Session of the ACERWC in Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho. We shared our insights into how ACERWC decisions are being implemented, emphasized the important role litigants can play in ensuring their implementation, and highlighted ACJPS's dedicated efforts, including working closely with other CSOs to support successful implementation.



*Ms. Sharon Acha representing ACJPS*



## 2.7 ACJPS Executive Director Meeting at the African Union

On October 6, at the African Union in the Ethiopian capital Addis executive director Mohamed Ali participated in consultative meetings between the relevant African Union mechanisms and a number of experts in the region in order to discuss conflict resolution processes in the volatile regions of the continent, including Sudan, as well as improving access to justice, especially for women and children



*Mossaad Mohamed Ali representing ACJPS*

# LEGAL PROGRAM

## 3.1 ACJPS Received Observer Status at ACERWC

The African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) was granted Observer status by the Secretariat of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC). This recognition allows ACJPS to participate in ACERWC sessions, engage in discussions, and provide expertise on matters related to child rights and protection across Africa, without holding voting rights.

As an Observer, ACJPS can:

- Attend ACERWC meetings and sessions.
- Submit written statements or reports on child rights issues.
- Engage with member states and other civil society actors on advocacy initiatives.
- Contribute to regional policy dialogue, research, and monitoring of child rights implementation.

This status strengthens ACJPS's regional presence, enabling it to support the promotion and protection of child rights, share its expertise on justice and peace matters, and collaborate with other civil society organizations and state parties on advancing the welfare of children.

## 3.2 Cases Documented and Submitted In 2025

No	Case Name / No	Subject Matter	Legal Institution in Charge	Current Status
1	Urgent appeal: A. A. M. I	Sentenced to death penalty	ACHPR	Appeal submitted on 14 February 2025
2	H. I. A	Torture	ACHPR	Merit stage
3	M. Y. I, D. W, and their two children	Torture	ACHPR	Admissibility stage
4	A. G and 7 others	Torture	ACHPR	Admissibility stage
5	I. H. B	Arbitrary deprivation of citizenship	ACHPR	Decision issued restoring citizenship
6	S. A	Human rights violations	ACHPR	Judgment issued
7	A. M. M	Torture	ACHPR	Judgment issued

No	Case Name / No	Subject Matter	Legal Institution in Charge	Current Status
8	ACJPS (on behalf of Umjumah Osman Mohamed) v. Republic of Sudan	Sexual abuse / Defilement	ACERWC	Judgment issued
9	K. O. E. A (UA No. 1979/2025)	Enforced Disappearance	UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances	Urgent Action registered; Government notified (Submitted 10 February 2025)
10	A. O. A. M (UA No. 1972/2025)	Enforced Disappearance	UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances	Urgent Action registered 7 February 2025; transmitted under Article 30
11	H A S (UA No. 1985/2025)	Enforced Disappearance	UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances	Registered under Article 30; search and investigation requested
12	T. E. Z. A (UA No. 1986/2025)	Enforced Disappearance	UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances	Registered under Article 30; protection and medical access requested
13	A. Y. T (UA No. 1926/2024)	Enforced Disappearance	UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances	Urgent Action registered 11 November 2024; Government requested to report
14	The Disappearance and Torture of H. O	Enforced Disappearance and Torture / Extrajudicial Killing	Office of the Prosecutor, Port Sudan	Under investigation by conflict-related violations committee

### 3.3 Capacity Building Workshops by the Legal Program Department

#### Advocacy Workshop on Human Trafficking and Smuggling in Sudan

*Dates: 24–25 May 2025*

A two-day advocacy workshop was held at Royal Suites in Bugolobi, Kampala, bringing together stakeholders to develop strategies addressing human trafficking and smuggling in Sudan. Held in Arabic and conducted in a hybrid format (in-person and via Google Meet), the workshop focused on amplifying affected voices, identifying legal and policy gaps, and strengthening accountability and coordinated advocacy efforts.

## **Training Workshop on the Design and Implementation of Human Rights Programs.**

*Date: 23–26 June 2025*

The four-day training workshop focused on strengthening participants' capacity to effectively design, implement, and manage human rights programs. It provided practical guidance on project planning, results-based management, monitoring and evaluation, budgeting, risk assessment, and reporting.

Participants engaged in interactive sessions, group work, and practical exercises aimed at improving program design skills, aligning activities with strategic objectives, and integrating accountability and sustainability measures. The workshop also emphasized context analysis, stakeholder engagement, and adaptive programming in complex human rights environments.

By the end of the training, participants enhanced their technical skills, shared experiences and best practices, and developed draft program concepts ready for implementation within their respective organizations.

## **Training Workshop on the Role of Youth in the Peace Process in Sudan.**

*Dates: 18–20 August 2025*

A three-day workshop held at Royal Suites in Kampala focused on strengthening the role of youth in advancing peace and stability in Sudan. The convening brought together young leaders, civil society actors, and peace advocates to examine challenges facing youth participation, identify entry points in peace processes, and develop coordinated strategies for meaningful engagement in conflict resolution and nation-building efforts.

## **8 Online Dialogues On Various Topics Concerning Youth And Peace**

*Dates: May - October 2025*

The main topics covered were:

- Youth and the Opposition to Militarization in Sudan
- Women: Civil and Political Participation in Wartime
- The Impact of the War on the Migrant Communities in Sudan
- Cultural Diversity and Hate Speech
- The War Economy and its Impact on Peacebuilding
- Enforced Disappearance
- Youth's Vision for Peace in Sudan
- Civil Society Between Fragmentation and Integration: Towards a Common Ground for Collective Action in Sudan

The standout success of these dialogues was the interest participants showed in the session regarding "Youth and the Opposition to Militarization." In a climate where the pressure to join armed factions is immense, this dialogue provided a vital intellectual sanctuary where members of Resistance Committees and youth networks could reinforce their commitment to non-violence. By deconstructing the mechanisms of recruitment and militarization, the multipliers felt better equipped to protect their peers from being drawn into the cycle of violence. This session, paired with the discussion on the "War Economy," allowed participants to see the conflict through a systemic lens, shifting their focus from the symptoms of the war to the underlying financial drivers that must be dismantled to achieve lasting peacebuilding.

## **Workshop on Access to Justice**

*Dates: 24–26 November 2025*

The three-day workshop focused on strengthening access to justice, particularly for vulnerable and marginalized communities. Participants examined legal, institutional, and practical barriers to justice, shared experiences from their respective contexts, and explored strategies to enhance legal aid, accountability, and protection mechanisms.

The workshop emphasized collaboration among civil society actors and the development of practical recommendations to improve justice delivery and promote human rights protection.

## **Workshop on Forensic Anthropology for Atrocity Documentation**

*Dates: 2–4 December 2025*

ACJPS conducted in a regional workshop on Forensic Anthropology for Atrocity Documentation, held at Royal Suites, Kampala. The workshop targeted Sudanese judges, prosecutors, and lawyers and included sessions on Forensic Genetics (2nd December) and Forensic Anthropology (3rd December). The training aimed to strengthen participants' capacity in using forensic and genetic methods for legal investigations and atrocity documentation. Materials and sessions were prepared with consideration for language accessibility to ensure effective learning.

The African Center for justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) is a non-profit non-governmental organization working to monitor and promote respect for Human Rights and legal reform in Sudan. The center has a vision of a Sudan where all people can live and prosper free from fear and want in a country committed to justice, equality and peace.

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