

## **RWCHR and Coalition Refer Foreign Officials to the ICC's Office of the Prosecutor for Role in Sudan Atrocities**

The Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights (RWCHR), alongside ACJPS and a broad coalition of legal, investigative, and civil society organizations, **referred high-level foreign officials to the International Criminal Court (ICC) for aiding and abetting atrocity crimes in Darfur, Sudan, including war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.**

The innovative legal submission draws on new evidence from confidential sources and investigative findings.

The submission lays out the criminal responsibility of foreign officials, primarily based in the United Arab Emirates and Sudan's neighbouring states, for enabling atrocities in Sudan. It further asserts the role of Iran, Türkiye, and Egypt as linked to crimes committed by the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF). The filing exposes the extent of foreign involvement in the conflict through supplying the perpetrators on the ground with arms, mercenaries, equipment, logistical support, and financing.

Since the conflict began, international investigations have concluded that the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and SAF have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur, with the RSF credibly found to have committed genocide, underscoring the urgency of addressing the external networks that are sustaining this conflict.

The prosecution of foreign officials and arms suppliers would target the source of violence in Sudan and set a precedent for international criminal justice worldwide, expanding accountability to the actors enabling mass atrocities.

Despite the longstanding UN arms embargo on Darfur, the flow of weapons, drones, and mercenaries continues to pour into the region and target civilians. As the conflict continues into its fourth year, the ICC is uniquely positioned to disrupt the supply of arms and cut off the flow of weapons sustaining the atrocities on the ground.

The Executive Summary of our submission can be accessed [here](#), and the Explainer can be accessed [here](#).

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### **Quotes**

*“The external actors who supported the Rapid Support Forces and the Sudanese Armed Forces in committing atrocities in Darfur have remained largely unaccountable, but it is now time to see justice served through international criminal jurisdiction.”*

- **Mossaad Mohamed Ali**, Executive Director, African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies

*“The ongoing atrocities in Sudan are not inevitable; they are being enabled. As long as arms, financing, and logistical support continue to flow to those committing mass atrocities, the violence will persist. Accountability must therefore extend beyond the battlefield to those who make these crimes possible. The suffering of the Sudanese people will not end so long as the perpetrators of atrocity crimes—and the networks of impunity that enable and sustain them—continue to act without consequence. We must hold accountable not only those who commit these crimes, but also those who arm, finance, and shield them from justice. There can be no lasting peace without accountability, and no accountability without justice.”*

- **Irwin Cotler**, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and founder and International Chair, RWCHR

*“The ultimate atrocity for the victims of crimes against the people of Sudan is that their horrific deaths go unaccounted for as if they never existed.”*

- **Prof. David Crane**, Founding Chief Prosecutor, UN Special Court for Sierra Leone

*“Ultimately, but for the contributions of outside actors, these crimes could not have been committed on the scale and duration they are currently being committed. Thousands of Darfuris would still be alive and millions more would still be in their homes. Something must be done - and it starts with accountability.”*

- **Mikel Delagrangé**, Sr. International Legal Advisor, Wayamo Foundation

*“The most consequential drivers sustaining the conflict are beyond Sudan’s borders. The ICC should investigate and issue arrest warrants against the foreign arms suppliers and actors empowering the warring parties to commit continuous atrocities. The Rome Statute provides a clear basis to prosecute the foreign nationals aiding, abetting, assisting, and contributing to atrocity crimes in Darfur.”*

- **Yonah Diamond**, Senior Legal Counsel, RWCHR

*“The Raoul Wallenberg Center’s communication to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court is requesting something crucial to control violence in Darfur and in other areas of Africa: To investigate the arms suppliers. It rightly affirms: ‘the unrestricted influx of arms and other supplies to perpetrators will perpetuate and expand the violence’ ... and could constitute a form of participation, aiding and abetting, in the commission of war crimes.”*

- **Luis Moreno Ocampo**, Founding Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Court