Country/entity	Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Jeddah Declaration of Commitment to Protect the Civilians of Sudan
Date	11 May 2023
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Agreements relate to several distinct dyads, and also the negotiated independence of South Sudan, and subsequent internal conflict in South Sudan. Sudan-South Sudan. The long-standing conflict between the north and the south of the country dates back to colonial times, where the British introduced a so-called 'Southern Policy', severely hampering population movements between these big regions. Immediately after gaining independence in 1956, southern movements started to fight for independence; this fight became professionalised in 1983 with the foundation of the soon internationally supported Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). When the Islamic Front government introduced strict sharia laws in the south after it took over power in 1988 the war intensified. A decade later, the military situation reached a stalemate, enabling internationally facilitated peace negotiations to begin in 1997. After more fighting, a final negotiation push began in 2002, leading to the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Areement (CPA) in January 2005.

Sudan-South Sudan post referendum. South Sudan became independent in July 2011; since then, relations between the two countries are complicated and violent conflict led by the SPLM (North) in the Sudanese Nuba mountains region has since intensified.

Darfur. Other long-standing violent conflicts are in the east and the west of the country. In the east, the Beja Congress, established in 1957, is the spearhead of a currently 'peaceful' opposition movement. In the west, the violent conflict in Darfur intensified in the early 2000s and rapidly gained international attention, even resulting in genocide charges against leading figures of the Sudanese government. The situation on the ground is complex, with over a dozen organisations (most notably the Sudanese Liberation Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement) fighting the Sudanese government and allied groups like the Janjaweed – although all parties have switched sides on numerous occasions. Several mediation attempts have not been successful, due to the shaky commitment of the Sudanese central government and the distrust among the armed opposition.

South Sudan - internal
In December 2013, after president Salva Kiir accused opposition leader Riek Machar of attempting a coup, violent conflict broke out between government forces of the SPLM/A and anti-governmental groups. In addition, several other political militias as well as communal militias have joined the conflict. In 2015 the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCSS) was signed. Due to unsuccessful implementation the agreement was revitalized in 2018. In September 2019, Kiir and Machar agreed to establish a power-sharing government after struggles on forming a unity transitional government.
Close
Sudan Conflicts (1955 -
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Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process	Sudan Transition Process
Parties	Sudanese Armed Forces, Rear Admiral, Mahjoub Bushra Ahmed Rahma Rapid Support Forces, Brigadier General, Omer Hamdan Ahmed Hammad
Third parties	United States, Saudi Arabia
Description	The "Jeddah Declaration of Commitment to Protect the Civilians of Sudan," signed on May 11, 2023, by representatives of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), outlines a series of commitments primarily centered on the protection of civilians and the facilitation of humanitarian aid amid ongoing conflict. The commitments include respecting international humanitarian and human rights law, ensuring the protection and well-being of civilians, preventing incidental harm, and facilitating the unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief. Furthermore, the declaration emphasizes the necessity of discussions towards a short-term ceasefire and a subsequent permanent cessation of hostilities.

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Women, girls and gender

Participation	No specific mention.
Equality	No specific mention.
Particular groups of women	No specific mention.
International law	No specific mention.
New institutions	No specific mention.
Violence against women	Violence against women→Sexual violence **Commitments** ... Refrain from any form of torture or other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment, including sexual violence of all kinds.
Transitional justice	No specific mention.

Institutional reform No specific mention.

Development No specific mention.

Implementation No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.
