

The EU and European Countries stand with Sudanese civil society

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Stockholm, Sweden on 26-28 May 2023:

Notes that:

- On 15 April fighting broke out in Sudan between the army led by General Al- Burhan and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) led by General Hemeti.
- Since then hundreds of civilians have been killed and thousands wounded;
- In March 2009, Sudan President Omar al-Bashir became the first sitting head of state indicted by International Criminal Court (ICC), for directing campaign of mass killing, rape, and pillage against civilians in Darfur;
- In 2019, he was ousted after months of pro-democracy protests and put in Sudanese jail;
- In 2020, the Sudanese government announced that it would hand over al-Bashir to the ICC;
- The two now warring generals seized power together in the 2021 coup, feuded to integrate their two armies and to handover Government to civilians.

Generals' Allies include:

- Russia: Wagner African headquarters is in Sudan and control several gold mines and both generals promised Putin, the second sitting head of state to be indicted by the ICC, to open a military base in Sudanese Red Sea;
- Emirates and Saudi Arabia: Hemeti sent troops to fight in Yemen;
- Libya: Hemeti sent troops to support Haftar;
- Egypt: Al-Burhan is very close to Muslim Brotherhood;
- China is also present with several economic interests;
- The EU has been accused of hiding from links to RSF in migration funding.

Calls on all member parties of ALDE Party to:

- Urge an immediate cessation of hostilities;
- Reopen the EU and other European countries embassies as soon as possible, starting from safer cities as Port Sudan;
- Impose comprehensive financial sanctions to the two generals and their supporters;

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- Insist on the urgent transfer of Omar el Bashir to the ICC;
- Support the creation of a civilian led government during and after the war;
- Urge EU and European countries to stand ready to receive the many refugees from Sudan that are bound to also reach Europe.

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