

## [Sudan | Human Rights Council should urgently mandate international fact-finding mission](#)

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Since 3 June, Rapid Security Forces, riot police and national security officers violently [dispersed](#) peaceful protestors in Khartoum as well as in different cities across Sudan. The MENA Women Human Rights Defenders' Coalition [reported](#) that at least 113 people have died including women human rights defenders. Civil society documented cases of rape, attacks on hospitals, with hundreds injured and missing. The Transitional Military Council is enforcing a ban on communication causing an internet black out. The High Commissioner has [deplored](#) the killings and proposed " the rapid [deployment](#) of a UN human rights monitoring team" to Sudan.

ISHR's Human Rights Council advocate Salma El Hosseiny said that the current crisis in Sudan was exactly why the Council is mandated to convene special sessions: to respond promptly to human rights emergencies and prevent the human rights situation from further deteriorating.

"The UN top's human rights body must act now before it's too late. It should establish an international fact-finding mission to document violations, identify perpetrators and push for accountability", said El Hosseiny.

The African Union has taken action and issued a [decision](#) to "suspend, with immediate effect, the participation of the Republic of Sudan in all African Union's activities until the effective establishment of a civilian-led Transitional Authority, as the only way to allow the Sudan to exit from its current crisis". Representatives of African members of the UN Security Council and the African Union [condemned](#) the violence and called for an investigation and accountability.

"The Council's urgent action will not only recognise and support African Union initiatives and ongoing efforts to bring the violence to an end and advance accountability, but also help the Sudanese people in their peaceful struggle to make freedom, peace and social justice a reality for all", added El Hosseiny.

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