

**Question for written answer E-004557/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Allegations of EU funds going to a paramilitary group in Sudan

In 2014, the EU concluded a migration agreement with Sudan, known as the ‘Khartoum Process’. Under the deal, Sudan received around EUR 200 million from the EU in exchange for preventing migrants from entering the Schengen area.

Investigations – including by ReliefWeb, Investigative Journalism for Europe and *Der Spiegel* – suggest that some of that EU funding has been channelled to the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), a paramilitary group, which was originally supposed to be responsible for stopping migrants and monitoring Sudan’s borders. The RSF is reported to have received equipment and training, among other things. The group has since become one of the warring parties in Sudan’s ongoing civil war, which has brought about a humanitarian catastrophe and resulted in the deaths of thousands of civilians.

These allegations that EU funds may have been used to support an armed militia responsible for human rights violations are extremely serious.

1. What steps has the Commission taken to investigate and determine whether EU funding has been used to support the RSF?
2. Is the Commission planning to conduct a review to investigate any irregularities in the management of EU funds under the migration deal with Sudan?
3. What are the consequences of EU funds being channelled to an armed group such as the RSF?

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