

EN

E-004319/2025

Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
(12.12.2025)

The European External Action Service has been discussing the situation in Sudan during its political dialogues with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at various levels. The EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa has been engaging extensively with regional stakeholders, including the UAE. In this context, the EU representatives raised concerns about reported UAE support to the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), while emphasising the importance of the UAE's constructive engagement for reaching a sustainable cease-fire in Sudan.

The EU will continue to seek a peaceful resolution to the conflict, in close coordination with the international community, using diplomatic tools and instruments, including restrictive measures. The EU already has a sanctions regime in place, which currently targets eleven individuals and eight entities from both the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the RSF, including its second in command¹, which has recently been extended until October 2026.

The EU is also fully engaged in advocacy efforts aimed at ensuring humanitarian access to El Fasher². The closest humanitarian responders to El Fasher are concentrated in the locality of Tawila in North Darfur, and a number of them are financially supported by the EU.

Ensuring accountability is one of the four key asks in the Council Conclusions on Sudan from 20 October 2025³. The EU continues to support the work of the International Criminal Court and of the United Nations in the country, and is determined to do its utmost, including in cooperation with international accountability mechanisms, to bring perpetrators of atrocity crimes to justice. The EU Ministers discussed the dire humanitarian situation and the geopolitical implications of the war in Sudan at the Foreign Affairs Council on 20 November⁴.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/2368/oj/eng.

² https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/sudan-joint-statement-high-representative-kallas-and-commissioner-lahbib-seizure-el-fasher-2025-10-28_en.

³ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/10/20/sudan-council-approves-conclusions-on-the-ongoing-conflict/>.

⁴ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/11/20/sudan-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-20-november-2025/>.