

AFRICAN FREEDOM COALITION

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Dear Lawmaker

Update on Sudan:

in spite of its revolution and the deposing of its indicted genocidal president al-Bashir one year ago, the people of Sudan remain in danger:

- There are dire shortages of bread and fuel;
- Sudan now faces lockdown as the number of coronavirus cases reaches 32;
- Promises of peace, equality, civilian government, accountability have not been met;
- The government's power remains in the hands of the leadership of the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Janjaweed genocidaire militias, aka Rapid Support Forces (RSF). It is led by generals Al-Burhan and Hemeti, both with long histories of violence under the al-Bashir rule, who have been linked with ongoing violence in Darfur and other conflict areas;
- The entire fabric of the Sudanese government remains controlled by the members of the former al-Bashir regime. This includes financial, industrial, banking and judicial sectors. *See appendix below for details.

The US Congress, to its credit, has enacted resolutions: SR 188 (7/9/19); HR 432 (7/15/19); and HR 6094 (3/6/20). These, however, have failed to lead to a policy in Sudan that will grant the people their rights.

The US Administration meanwhile has taken the following steps towards rewarding the militia government of Sudan by recognizing it, and by promising to de-list it from the State Sponsors of Terrorism (SST):

- On February 2, 2020, the US Secretary of State Pompeo invited General Burhan, a war criminal, to the US;
- On February 16, 2020, it was arranged that Sudan pay \$70 million compensation to victims of the USS Cole attack in 2000 for providing material support for that terrorist attack. Sudan's justice minister, while rejecting responsibility for the attack, complied "*only* for the purpose of meeting the conditions set by the US administration to delete Sudan from the list of SST." That payment of \$70 million would prove to be a pittance compared to the benefits Sudan would receive by getting de-listed: qualifying for debt forgiveness of \$60 *billion*, and other financial rewards in the international financial market. Those benefits, however, would not accrue to the average citizen or small business owner but to the power structure owned by the old regime, and to the military government, thus enabling it to continue the Arabist genocide of the black African population.
- On March 8, 2020, a delegation from the US Treasury Department flew to Khartoum, met with PM Hamdok, and said the US intends to de-list Sudan from the SST "soon".

The US Congress must recognize the plight of the Sudanese people, and withhold de-listing Sudan from the SST until the rights of the people are respected and guaranteed.

* Appendix below is a partial list of Sudanese companies that are controlled and managed by Security apparatus, Rapid Support Forces (RSF), and the Military, the owners of which are members of the former al-Bashir regime.

Companies owned by Security apparatus:

Petronid Oil Co.: Oil and petroleum products;

Higlieg Oil Co.: Crude oil excavation, pipeline oil transportation, refineries, oil export.

El Hadaf Security Services: Security services.

Lulu Palace Engineering Co.: Engineering contracting services.

El Gezira Trading and Services Co.: Export/Import, general trading.

El Raiya El Khadraa Air Cargo Services: Owners of a fleet of cargo planes.

The Sudanese Air Transportation Services Co.: air transportation.

The Egyptian-Sudanese Bank: owned by Sudanese and Egyptian Intelligence, equally.

General Trading Company, Dubai (UAE): Involved with all deals with Dubai, UAE.

Soba Water Co.: Provides services in water irrigation projects, Agricultural equipment.

Partner in all communications companies: mobile phones, internet, communications.

Partner: Giad Co., maker of all military hardware, vehicles, steel, cables, furniture.

Sudomine Gold Mining Co.: Gold mining.

International Mining Company: Mining of a variety of minerals and metals.

Companies owned by Rapid Support Forces:

El Fakher Co: Gold and mineral mining.

El Junaid Companies: Construction and Engineering contracting, trading, agricultural projects, gum arabic export, general import/export, military contractor/importer of military equipment, partners with flour mills owners.

Companies owned by the Military establishment:

General Works Group: Deals with any business, vital commodities, export/import, contracting, marble manufacturing, tanneries, textile factories, export of gum arabic, sesame, and other agricultural products, cooking oil refineries; Agent to Chinese manufacturers (eg.Haier).

Kadaro Meat Processing Complex (For Export): The *only* meat processing plant for export in the country.

Atlas Co.: Importer of medical equipment, pharmaceutical drugs and products.

Saria Industrial Complex: Owns factories in leather products, chemicals, plastics; contractors and builders of construction complexes.

Sour Industrial Complex: Operates factories for building materials (cement, re-bar steel, roof metals, glass, bricks, etc.).

El Zargaa Engineering Complex: Engineering, contracting, builders of big projects, eg. governmental and infrastructure projects including airports, military projects, and building complexes.

Zadna Group: Contractors of building roads and bridges, large agricultural projects, Irrigation projects, agricultural equipment, dairy products, agricultural products export.

Nasr Companies: Processing factories and export of gum arabic, fruits and fruit juices.

El Satii Co.: Transportation giant, fleets of trucks, monopolizing contracts from government and other large entities.

Karari Co.: Controls the health market including clinics, medical services, and pharmaceuticals.

Alaa Real Estate: properties.

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