

May 8, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

RE: End Impunity for Serious Human Rights Abuses in Sudan

Dear President Biden,

We, the undersigned 108 human rights organizations, scholars and leading activists, urge you to impose targeted sanctions on Sudanese Generals Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, known as Hemedti, for their connection to serious human rights abuses associated with and as a result of the coup they staged in Sudan on October 25, 2021. The serious human rights abuses connected to Burhan and Hemedti are in violation of the International Bill of Human Rights and the Rights and Freedoms Charter included in Sudan's 2019 Constitutional Declaration.

Burhan and Hemedti are connected to a long list of serious human rights abuses:

- The coup and subsequent state of emergency violate the right and will of the Sudanese people to form a civilian government with no military partnership, negotiations and legitimacy.
- The people's right to peaceful assembly has been repeatedly violated by forces controlled by Burhan and Hemedti that have targeted and killed over 90 and injured more than 3,000 peaceful protestors.
- Since the coup, Burhan and Hemedti have ordered the violent and arbitrary arrest, and in some cases, rape and torture of political opponents and peaceful protestors in order to intimidate and eliminate opposition to their illegal seizure of the state.
- Islamic extremists, welcomed back after the coup, have begun to harass, attack and detain religious minorities.
- The Sudanese people's right to basic services has evaporated because of the coup. World Bank funding and projects to benefit the entire country rightly came to an abrupt halt when Burhan and Hemedti staged the coup. Because of the coup, the country is faced with certain economic collapse and the World Food Programme predicts that half of Sudan, 20 million people, will face hunger due to food shortages, a number that has doubled since last year.

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This, by no means, is an exhaustive list of serious human rights abuses connected to Burhan and Hemedti. Their involvement in the Darfur genocide and ongoing violence in the region, Nuba Mountains, Blue Nile and other areas are well documented. Each abuse on its own merits targeted sanctions. Viewing these abuses collectively, the obvious and overwhelming threat to the Sudanese people's right to life, liberty and security warrants immediate targeted sanctions.

Your Administration is well aware of the serious human rights abuses connected to Burhan and Hemedti. The abuses are outlined in detail in the State Department's Sudan 2021 Human Rights Report, which notably contrasts the better human rights record of Sudan's Civilian-Led Transitional Government with the serious human rights abuses committed by and after the coup by Burhan and Hemedti, the organizations they lead, and those they associate with and empower.

It is vitally important that your Administration does not accept the coup as the new status quo in Sudan. The people of Sudan have courageously established a new paradigm of freedom, peace and justice that must be respected and supported. Abrogation of Sudan's new paradigm by Burhan and Hemedti warrants the Administration's outrage, not complacency. The coup and all serious human rights abuses connected to Generals Burhan and Hemedti demand targeted sanctions at a minimum and as an important and necessary component of an overall strategy to support the restoration of democratic transition in Sudan.

Respectfully,

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