

*Development in Sudan
from 11 – 17 May 2026*

Introduction

This report covers events in Sudan during the period from 11 – 17 May, 2026. It reviews the most prominent activities of the Sovereignty Council, the Cabinet, official institutions; humanitarian situation, it also shed a light on the systematic violations and crimes against humanity committed by the rebel militia in different Sudanese states. Moreover, the report covers all diplomatic activities and regional and international engagement with the situation in Sudan.

Activities of the Sovereign Council

- 1- H.E. the President of the Sovereignty Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, 1st Lt. Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, paid an official visit to Manama, the capital of Bahrain. He was received at Sakhir Air Base by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of the Kingdom of Bahrain and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, along with a number of senior officials. An official welcoming ceremony was held, reflecting the strength of the fraternal relations between the two countries. The two sides held a Sudanese Bahraini summit at the Sakhir Royal Palace, discussing ways to enhance joint cooperation and develop bilateral relations in various fields, in addition to reviewing regional developments and current challenges. During the talks, H.E. the President of the Sovereignty Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, affirmed Sudan's full support for Bahrain in confronting regional challenges, while His Majesty the King of Bahrain praised Sudan's supportive stances on the security and stability of the Kingdom and the Gulf states. Both sides agreed to continue coordination and consultation in a manner that serves the interests of the two brotherly peoples.*
- 2- H.E. the President of the Sovereign Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, 1st Lt. Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan inaugurated the Premier League (Elite Championship) competitions which is taking place in Khartoum, in presence of officials and the public. He witnessed the start of the competitions at both the Sports City Stadium in Kober, Khartoum North, and the Sports Center in Omdurman, in a move that reflects the state's interest in supporting sports activities and the return of football competitions, amidst a festive atmosphere and widespread enthusiasm from sports fans. The Sovereign Council also mourned the passing of the two esteemed sheikhs, Muhammad Ali Haj Nour and Ibrahim al-Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad al-Rukin, who passed away after lives dedicated to serving Islam, guidance, and the community.*

Cabinet and Executive Activities

- a. *The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ambassador Mohi El-Din Salem, received Mr. Christopher Marion, a member of the French Parliament, at his office in Khartoum. Mr. Marion visited Sudan from May 9-11. The Minister explained Sudan's position on international and regional initiatives and the roadmap presented by the Sudanese government last December. He also received Ambassador Ali bin Hassan Al-Hammadi, President of the Board of Trustees of the Islamic Call Organization, in the presence of the Secretary-General of the Organization, Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Adam. This meeting followed the President 's arrival in Khartoum and his official commencement of duties within Sudan. He also met at his office Ms. Fabreira Falcioni, the Resident Representative of the United Nations Population Fund in Sudan.*
- b. *The Minister of Minerals met at the Geological Research Center a Qatari delegation headed by the Qatari Ambassador to Sudan and the CEO of Qatar Mining Company, in the presence of the Acting Director General of the General Authority for Geological Research and the Director General of the Sudanese company. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the problems facing Qatari mining companies operating in Sudan and to overcome obstacles hindering Qatari investments. The Qatari Ambassador to Sudan, Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Sada, confirmed that Qatari companies, foremost among them Qatar Mining Company, are planning to enter the minerals sector in Sudan in the coming period. The Minister of Minerals explained that the government will give great attention to Qatari mining companies.*

Humanitarian Activity

Visas and Movement Permits:

- a. *The competent authorities issued (172) movement permits to (10) states for a number of foreign voluntary organizations.*
- b. *The competent authorities issued (155) movement permits to (8) states for a number of UN agencies and international organizations.*
- c. *The Sudanese Red Crescent Society transported kitchen equipment to Khartoum State.*

The Regional Activity

- a. *The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation issued a statement welcoming the positive report issued by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which condemned attacks on civilians in Sudan and recognized the genocide committed by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) militia against civilians in Darfur.*
- b. *The Ministry also issued a statement regarding the participation of the Sudanese delegation in the 87th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. The statement affirmed the delegation's rejection of the draft*

declaration known as the "Banjul Joint Declaration," adopted by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights' Fact-Finding Mission on the human rights situation in Sudan, in cooperation with the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Sudan, established by the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The statement emphasized that Sudan had previously refused to engage with certain international mechanisms, given the presence of UN mechanisms operating within the country and stressed the importance of respecting national sovereignty and coordinating with relevant national institutions.

Violations by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) Terrorist Militia

- a. On May 10, 2026, the rebel militia and the SPLM-N (AI-Hilu faction) shelled the city of Dilling in South Kordofan State, resulting in the death and injury of a number of civilians.*
- b. On May 11, 2026, the SPLM-N (al-Hilu faction) and its affiliated militia attacked a tractor-trailer carrying commercial goods in the al-Alaf Project area of North Kordofan State, resulting in the death of two civilians, the injury of ten others, and the looting of the goods and the tractor.*
- c. On May 12, 2026, the affiliated militia attacked the village of Umm Ashra in North Kordofan State, resulting in the displacement of its residents.*
- d. On May 12, 2026, the rebel militia targeted the city of Dilling in South Kordofan State with a strategic march, resulting in injuries to six civilians.*
- e. On May 13, 2026, the rebel militia targeted the market in the Karnoi area of North Darfur State with a strategic march, resulting in the deaths of four civilians and injuries to ten others.*
- f. On April 14, 2026, the rebel militia targeted the city of Dilling in South Kordofan State with a strategic march, resulting in the death of one civilian and injuries to others.*
- g. The SPLM-N (al-Hilu faction) attacked commercial vehicles in the Al-Alaf area of South Kordofan State, resulting in the deaths of two civilians and injuries to ten others.*
- h. On May 14, 2026, the rebel militia attacked the villages of Umm Khubs and Umm Taqir in North Kordofan State, resulting in the looting of civilian property and shops.*

The Economic Situation

- a. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Belarusian state-owned oil and chemical company, Belorosneft, and the Sudanese Ministry of Energy. This agreement covers the processing and interpretation of geological exploration data in Sudanese oil fields using Belorosneft software, and the provision of professional training for Sudanese specialists at the Belorosneft International Business Academy. Vladimir Sizov, Vice President of Belorosneft, signed on behalf of Belarus, while Engineer Al-Mu'tasim Ibrahim, Minister of Energy, signed on behalf of Sudan.*

b. The Minister of Energy met at his office in Khartoum with the Ministers of Finance, Economy, and Infrastructure of the Northern State, in the presence of the Director General of the Sudan Electricity Holding Company. The meeting addressed the electricity situation in the Northern State, the challenges it faces, the reasons for the instability of the electricity supply in the state, emergency solutions, the status of the solar power plant project (which will produce 10 megawatts), the provision of a transformer for the Northern State, the status of the thermal power plant, and the Egyptian electricity interconnection projects. The Minister of Energy explained that there are emergency measures being taken to address the national electricity problems and work towards stabilizing the electricity supply, particularly in the Northern State. He emphasized the state's support for expanding solar energy projects. By approving its law, exempting its inputs from customs duties, and providing financing from banks to encourage its expansion by the private sector and project owners to cover the agricultural and residential sectors as an initial stage.