

*Development in Sudan
from 18 – 24 May 2026*

Introduction

This report covers events in Sudan during the period from 18 – 24 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 Sovereignty Council

- 1- H.E the President of the Sovereignty Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lieutenant General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, chaired a meeting of the Security and Defense Council, during which he was briefed on the security situation in the country. He also commended the victories of the Armed Forces in the regions of South Kordofan, Blue Nile, and Darfur, and directed that controls be imposed on the movement of armed vehicles and security cells. He emphasized respect for the law and human rights and the provision of basic services to citizens returning to the country.*
- 2- H.E the President of the Sovereignty Council also conducted field visits amidst a large popular reception in Omdurman and Haj Yousef area of Khartoum North, during which he inspected markets, water stations, and the conditions of citizens. He directed the acceleration of maintenance work on water and electricity stations and the restoration of services to the affected areas. On the diplomatic front, he awarded the Ambassador of the KSA to Sudan, Ali bin Hassan Jaafar, the Order of the Nile First Class, in recognition of his role in strengthening bilateral relations and supporting Sudan in regional and international forums. The Sovereignty Council also mourned the passing of Police Lt. Gen. Ismat Ahmed Babiker.*
- 3- H.E Lt. Gen. Ibrahim Jaber Ibrahim, Member of the Sovereignty Council, emphasized the importance of strengthening national unity and combating hate speech. He praised the resilience of the Sudanese people and their support for the armed forces, describing it as a great victory." He made these remarks while addressing an event organized by the Ministry of Culture and Information in Khartoum State in cooperation with the Global Space Center in Omdurman. He stressed the pivotal role of music, literature, theater, and the arts in consolidating social cohesion and strengthening the Sudanese national fabric. He also chaired a meeting of the High Committee for Reviewing Legal Cases before Regional and International Courts, which discussed cases in which Sudan is a party and ways to enhance legal procedures.*

Cabinet and Executive Activities

- 1- The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation headed the Sudanese delegation participating in the 13th World Urban Forum (WUF13), hosted by Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. The forum was jointly organized by the Republic of Azerbaijan and the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat), and saw wide participation from heads of state and government, ministers, representatives of international and regional organizations, and experts specializing in urban development*

and sustainable housing. On the sidelines of the conference, he met with the Minister of Business and Trade of the Federal Republic of Somalia and with the Azerbaijani Minister of Foreign Affairs. During these meetings, the two sides discussed the trajectory of bilateral relations and ways to support and develop them in various fields.

- 2- *The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation met at his office in Khartoum with Mr. Andrey Chernovol, the Russian Ambassador to Sudan, to discuss bilateral relations between the two countries. During the meeting, the Minister received a congratulatory message addressed to His Excellency Lieutenant General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, President of the Sovereignty Council, from His Excellency President Vladimir Putin of the Russian Federation on the occasion of Africa Day. The Minister briefed the Russian Ambassador on the latest developments in Sudan, particularly the ongoing Operation Dignity against the rebel militia. He also informed him of the peace initiative presented by the Sudanese government and the government's vision regarding the Quartet. The meeting also addressed bilateral cooperation in various fields, Russia's role in reconstruction efforts, and Russian support for Sudan in achieving security and stability.*

Humanitarian Activity

Visas and Movement Permits:

- *The Federal Humanitarian Aid Commission granted (127) entry visas to foreign and national voluntary organizations.*
- *The Ministry of Foreign Affairs granted (69) entry visas to a number of United Nations agencies.*
- *The competent authorities issued (153) permits to travel to (8) states for a number of foreign voluntary organizations.*
- *The competent authorities issued (121) movement permits to (18) states for a number of Ull agencies and international organizations.*

Regional Activity

- 1- *The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation issued a statement reiterating Sudan's call for the international community to support the industrial recovery program currently being developed in cooperation with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). The statement commended the organization's continued work in the country during the war and emphasized the Importance of strengthening cooperation with UNIDO to support food security and sustainable agricultural and industrial development.*

Violations by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) Terrorist Militia

- 1- *On May 17, 2026, the rebel militia targeted the city of Dilling in South Kordofan State with 20 strategic drone missiles and 11 artillery shells, resulting in the death of 3 and the injury of 7 civilians.*

- 2- *On May 18, 2026, the rebel militia targeted the city of Dilling in South Kordofan State with 12 strategic drone missiles and 18 artillery shells, resulting in the injury of 7 civilians.*
- 3- *On May 19, 2026, the rebel militia targeted Al-Takma area in South Kordofan State with a strategic drone, resulting in the death of one civilian and the injury of 5 others.*
- 4- *On May 20, 2026, the rebel militia targeted the market in the city of Dilling in South Kordofan State with two strategic drone missiles, resulting in the death and injury of a number of civilians.*
- 5- *The rebel militia targeted the village of Al-Halba. In White Mile State, a strategic drone strike resulted in the death and injury of a number of citizens.*