

Resolution on the humanitarian situation in Sudan, in particular the death of children trapped by fighting

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The European Parliament adopted by 477 votes to 3, with 43 abstentions, a resolution on the humanitarian situation in Sudan, in particular the death of children trapped by fighting.

The text adopted in plenary was tabled by the EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA and ECR groups.

The Sudanese military and the Rapid Support Force continue to pursue a violent power struggle, violating international humanitarian law. The ensuing violence has killed thousands of innocent civilians, displaced more than 1.2 million and forced nearly 500 000 to flee to neighbouring countries, threatening stability in the region.

More than 13.6 million children in Sudan urgently need humanitarian assistance. Before the current crisis, around 3 million children suffered from malnutrition. 70 children have died of malnourishment, dehydration and infections at Mygoma orphanage in Khartoum.

Parliament strongly condemned the continuing violence between the rival armed factions in Sudan and called on all sides to immediately cease all military action, allow unrestricted humanitarian access and return to talks on a negotiated peace agreement. It also deplored the disregard for agreed humanitarian ceasefires, attacks on humanitarian workers and infrastructure, the deliberate targeting of civilians and the recruitment and involvement of children in the conflict. Parliament considered that the EU and its Member States should urgently consider sanctioning those responsible for ongoing human rights abuses in Sudan through the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime.

Lastly, the resolution called for:

- the urgent establishment of humanitarian corridors and for basic public services to be fully restored;
- immediate support and humanitarian assistance to those impacted by the conflict, including internally displaced persons and those seeking refuge in other countries, including by providing emergency travel documentation.