

THE SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT – REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC CURRENT (SPLM - RDC)

EMERGENCY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING: ASSESSMENT OF TAGDUM LEADERSHIP MEETING OUTCOMES

- Our priorities are the humanitarian catastrophe and the formation of a wider civilian front.
- Our position on the roundtable.
- Our position on the question of legitimacy and the formation a new government.

The leadership council of the SPLM - RDC convened an emergency meeting on Wednesday evening - December 11, 2024 - to discuss and assess the most important outcomes of Tagdum's leadership meeting held in Entebbe, Uganda from December 3rd to 6th 2024. This included discussion of the memorandum submitted by the SPLM - RDC on issues of reforms developing political vision and direction, organizational issues, and the practical proposals we presented.

The meeting started by honouring the sixth anniversary of the December Revolution, saluted the martyrs of the Sudanese revolutions, and recognized the sacrifices and struggles of our people.

It affirmed that SPLM - RDC is a product of the historical experience of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, the forces of the New Sudan, and the glorious December Revolution.

1. THE SPLM - RDC MEMORANDUM:

In the SPLM - RDC leadership council meeting, we positively assessed the discussions by Tagdum's leadership and its executive council on our memorandum. We value Tagdum's leadership stance on prioritizing the humanitarian agendas and addressing human rights violations and crimes, as an entry point to a comprehensive roadmap to stop and end the war, focusing on the internal agenda within Sudan as primary issues.

We emphasised on the importance of the adoption and formation of a political mechanism aimed at addressing the complexities of the humanitarian catastrophe, streamlining political processes, and reconnecting with the December Revolution. Significant effort was noted in addressing the concerns of resistance committees, civil society, and ensuring representation of Sudan's diversity, women, and organizational reforms. We look forward to the Tagdum Chairperson issuing decrees to this effect.

2. THE HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE, WAR CRIMES, AND HUMAN RIGHT VIOLATIONS

Based on our experiences in Sudan and elsewhere, humanitarian aid must precede politics, and humanitarian agendas must take precedence over political ones. Stopping the war and bloodshed is the gateway to ending the war and addressing its roots.

We call on all Sudanese, both men and women, opposed to the war to unite in a broader campaign to halt the war and its crimes. We must not settle for mere sympathies or war reporting, but instead devise practical ways to combat these crimes, support displaced persons and refugees, and escalate activities through humanitarian organizations, protests, and petitions to influential entities. This should mirror the mobilization efforts of the December Revolution.

The brutal killing, loss of lives, and increasing atrocities demand that our resistance is similarly escalated in practical and effective ways.

3. TOWARDS A WIDER ANTI-WAR CIVILIAN FRONT

The meeting highly valued the communications, stances, and statements issued by all civil and political forces aligned with the December Revolution. Particular recognition was given to the Nairobi Declaration signed between the leaders of Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) and the SPLM-North - Abdelaziz Al-Hilu and Abdelwahid Mohamed Nour - and Dr. Abdalla Hamdok.

Furthermore, acknowledgment was made of the communications initiated by the original Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party and the statement issued by the Sudanese Communist Party's Political Bureau on the sixth anniversary of the December Revolution.

A new atmosphere is emerging, one capable of shifting the balance of power in favor of the revolutionary civilian forces through mutual concessions to counter the forces of war. The revolutionary forces must unite to ensure their efforts are not dispersed and divided among the warring factions. These revolutionary forces are independent of either side in the war, with a mission to complete the revolution and establish a functional state on a new basis.

4. THE ROUNDTABLE

The concept of the roundtable, as we understand it, starts by uniting the revolutionary forces before engaging with those who disrupted the transition, drove the country toward the coup and war, and are now seeking political laundering and power sharing.

Any political platform solely seeking power without addressing the humanitarian catastrophe and war crimes is unacceptable. The priority must be to unify the revolutionary forces before engaging with those who undermined the transition. This unity is both the starting point and the correct approach for dealing with those responsible for the failure of the transition.

5. OUR POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF LEGITIMACY AND FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT

Neither side in the war holds legitimacy. Their legitimacy ended with the October 25, 2021 coup and the April 15, 2023 war. In both cases, the National Congress Party (NCP) and its affiliates bear the greatest responsibility for the coup and the war.

The semblance of legitimacy granted to the Port Sudan faction, along with the quasi-recognition they receive from some regional and international circles, is due to the international community's reluctance to declare Sudan stateless as that would impose obligations on regional and global entities.

We witnessed firsthand how legitimacy in Syria collapsed without any international outcry. The true legitimacy lies with the December Revolution and the sacrifices of our people.

We oppose the formation of a government for several reasons, including its potential to legitimize Sudan's fragmentation, prolong the war, and worsen civilian suffering under both factions' claims of legitimacy. Priority should be given to stopping and ending the war, isolating those calling for its continuation, preserving the unity and sovereignty of the state, addressing the humanitarian catastrophe, and protecting civilians.

We refuse to become partners in war. Our aim is to bring peace to our people, complete the revolution, and build a democratic state founded on citizenship without discrimination.

- Long live Sudan's unity and revolution
- The revolution will outlast the war
- Victory to the masses

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