

October 25, 2022

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

RE: Consequences for Avoiding Targeted Sanctions in Sudan

Dear President Biden,

We, the undersigned 100 human rights organizations, scholars and leading activists, write a third time to urge the U.S. to impose targeted sanctions on Sudanese Generals Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, known as Hemedti. At a minimum, targeted sanctions are an appropriate response to these and other crimes of the Generals:

- One year ago today, the Generals staged a coup and ended Sudan's civilian-led transitional government.
- The Generals have a long and well documented history of genocide, mass atrocities and war crimes during the Bashir era.
- Post coup, the Generals are responsible for deadly violence and serious human rights abuses.
- Growing evidence suggests the Generals are behind the worsening violence in Darfur.
- Burhan is reinstating the Bashir-era Islamists with unchecked control and corruption of ministries and state-owned enterprises.
- Hemedti consolidates power and controls gold exports through bribes, intimidation and violence.
- The Generals are engaged in a web of illicit activity destabilizing and endangering the region.
- The Generals support Putin and associates and their crimes in Europe and on the Continent.

In addition, targeted sanctions against the Generals impede a dangerous tendency towards normalization:

- Unconstrained by targeted sanctions, Burhan was welcomed at the UN General Assembly and Queen Elizabeth's funeral.
- Failure to impose targeted sanctions helped remove resistance to Sudan's seat on the UN Human Rights Council.
- Failure to impose punitive measures on the Generals emboldens other authoritarian leaders and regimes.

The Generals desperately do not want to be sanctioned. Targeted sanctions curb their ability to control and plunder Sudan's resources. Targeted sanctions create real pressure by tarnishing their reputation and denying access to the legitimate international financial system. The Generals avoid targeted sanctions by (1) threatening to escalate violence if they are sanctioned, (2) feigning disinterest to convince the U.S.

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that sanctions will have no impact on them, and (3) pretending to cooperate with and participate in efforts to establish a civilian-led government in order to buy time and firmly establish their control of Sudan.

Instead of falling for the Generals tactics, **the U.S. should impose targeted sanctions now and set clear benchmarks for their removal.** This approach would provide deserved consequences and real incentive for change. U.S. targeted sanctions would create a stigma that would cause much of the international community to avoid legitimizing criminals, and it would help correct the existing power imbalance inside Sudan. Targeted sanctions are a critical tool for the U.S. to use for effective engagement in Sudan and should go hand in hand with a holistic U.S. strategy on Sudan that recognizes and respects the Sudanese people's demand for freedom, justice and peace.

Thank you for considering our urgent request.

Respectfully,

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