

Solidarity with the Sudanese revolution

Stop the massacres of protesters

On 30 June 2022, hundreds of thousands took to the streets across Sudan to demand a democratic, civilian government in place of the coterie of generals and militia leaders who seized power in a coup last October. Once again they have been met with violence by the authorities, who sent the security forces to kill, maim and arrest protesters. According to a statement released by the Sudanese Unified Doctors' Office on 30 June, medical professionals "witnessed several attempts from the security forces to attack hospitals in Khartoum state, as well as the medical staff who are working tirelessly to treat the injured." By 1 July, nine people had been killed by the security forces during the 30 June protests, bringing the total killed since October 2021 to 113.

Such attacks by the Sudanese security forces are all too familiar. During the recent national strike by Sudanese teachers over pay and conditions, security forces arrested and beat striking teachers and threw tear gas grenades into a primary school, terrifying the pupils and staff.

We are appalled that Western governments continue to lend legitimacy to this brutal regime which tramples on basic democratic rights, kills protesters with impunity and attacks striking workers. It is not enough to call for "full and transparent investigations" into the killings and offer "condolences" to the families of those murdered, as the UK embassy in Khartoum did on 1 July. We call on Western governments to immediately cease all forms of contact with the Sudanese junta and enforce a strict embargo on arms and equipment which could be used to suppress protests. This embargo must cover not only direct transfers but also those by allied states, such as Saudi Arabia, UAE, Israel and Egypt which have been at the forefront of providing military and diplomatic cover for the coup leaders.

Western governments must stop putting pressure on Sudanese civil society and political movements to sit down and negotiate with the regime which is killing them and instead withdraw support from the regime of Al-Burhan.

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