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Political Efforts

- On May 11, 2023 the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** and the United States announced that representatives of the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces signed a declaration of commitment in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to protect civilians in Sudan.
- The declaration of commitment recognizes the obligations of both sides, under international humanitarian and human rights law to facilitate humanitarian assistance to meet the critical needs of civilians.
- The declaration of commitment will guide the conduct of the two forces to enable the safe delivery of humanitarian assistance, the restoration of essential services, the withdrawal of forces from hospitals and clinics, and the respectful burial of the dead.



"THE CITY OF JEDDAH BROUGHT TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SUDANESE ARMED FORCES AND THE RAPID SUPPORT FORCES IN AN INITIATIVE TO SOLVE THE CRISIS. THE TALKS THAT TOOK PLACE AND THE DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING CIVILIANS COME AS A FIRST STEP, AND OTHER STEPS WILL FOLLOW. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO ADHERE TO WHAT WAS AGREED UPON, AND THE KINGDOM WILL WORK UNTIL SECURITY AND STABILITY RETURN TO SUDAN AND ITS BROTHERLY PEOPLE."

- SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER HH PRINCE FAISAL BIN FARHAN AL SAUD



Evacuation Efforts

- Under the directives and follow-up of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and HRH Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, and in response to the requests received by the Kingdom from many countries around the world, **Saudi Arabia** has concluded the implementation of all humanitarian evacuations of its citizens and nationals of brotherly and friendly countries from Sudan.
- The humanitarian evacuations by the **Kingdom** included 8,455 people (404 citizens, and 8,051 people belonging to 110 nationalities), who were evacuated by Royal Saudi Navy ships and Royal Saudi Air Force planes.
- More than 400 U.S citizens were among those evacuated by the Kingdom from Sudan.
- The Kingdom also assisted brotherly and friendly countries in evacuating 11,184 of their nationals from Sudan to the **Kingdom** before returning home.
- The Kingdom provided the evacuees with full care and follow-up throughout the evacuations and after they arrived in Saudi territory until they departed.

President Joe Biden – April 22:

“Today, on my orders, the United States military conducted an operation to extract U.S. Government personnel from Khartoum. I am proud of the extraordinary commitment of our Embassy staff, who performed their duties with courage and professionalism and embodied America’s friendship and connection with the people of Sudan. I am grateful for the unmatched skill of our service members who successfully brought them to safety. And I thank Djibouti, Ethiopia, and **Saudi Arabia**, which were critical to the success of our operation.”

Secretary of State Antony Blinken – May 5:

I had an important discussion with Saudi Foreign Minister @FaisalbinFarhan about our joint efforts to advance peace in Sudan and Yemen. I expressed the United States’ gratitude for crucial **Saudi** assistance to help facilitate transit for U.S. citizens departing Sudan via Jeddah.

National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan – April 24:

“As you all know, on Saturday on the president’s orders, the United States military conducted a successful operation to extract all U.S. government personnel from Khartoum... We thank Djibouti, Ethiopia, and **Saudi Arabia**, each of which were critical to the success of our operation.”

Molly Phee, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs – April 22:

“The Sudanese people are not giving up, and neither will we. The goal is to bring an end to this fighting and a start to civilian government. At the direction of the Secretary, we are in close contact with Sudan’s military and civilian leaders to see if we can help them identify a path to extend and expand the Eid al-Fitr ceasefire to reach a sustainable cessation of hostilities that includes humanitarian arrangements. I particularly want to highlight our collaboration with the member-states of the East African regional organization, which is known as IGAD, as well as the critical role played by our **Saudi** and Emirati partners.”

Pat Ryder, Pentagon Press Secretary – April 24:

“I would like to underscore Secretary Austin’s appreciation and thanks to our servicemembers for their extraordinary work in close coordination with the State Department to help safely evacuate U.S. government personnel out of Sudan over the weekend... Secretary Austin also expressed his thanks to our allies and partners, to include Djibouti, Ethiopia, and **Saudi Arabia**, who were critical to the success of this operation.”

U.S State Department –Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs Tweet – April 28:

“The United States is grateful to **Saudi Arabia** and the United Arab Emirates for their invaluable engagement in our ongoing diplomatic efforts and their support in helping U.S. citizens depart Sudan.”

U.S. Central Command – May 1:

CENTCOM thanks the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** for enabling the safe evacuation of American citizens from Sudan.

