



Press Release by the ICGLR Secretariat on the Escalation of the Situation in El Fasher, Sudan

Bujumbura, Burundi, 29th October 2025 : The Secretariat of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) expresses its deep concern and condemnation of the large-scale violence, atrocities and the consequent forced displacement of thousands of civilians in El Fasher, North Darfur in Sudan caused by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) Militia following their attack on the city after a long siege.

The ICGLR condemns in the strongest terms the ethnically based killings and deliberate attacks on innocent civilians, and aid workers. The reports that some citizens of EL Fasher have been killed while attempting to flee are abhorrent and unacceptable, those attacks and the reported use of mercenaries in perpetrating them puts at risk the security in the whole region.

In reaffirming the principles established during the 10th Extraordinary Summit of ICGLR Heads of State and Government in June 2023, ICGLR emphasizes its belief that the resolution of the Sudanese crisis does not reside in military measures but rather necessitates an inclusive political dialogue. We therefore urgently call for cessation of all hostilities, opening of humanitarian corridors to allow life-saving aid to reach affected populations, and return to inclusive, credible dialogue without delay.

Finally, the ICGLR calls upon the international community to help and support Sudan to overcome the current situation. ICGLR stands ready to support all efforts toward a peaceful, negotiated settlement alongside the African Union, the United Nations, and other relevant stakeholders.

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