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**RE: The Situation in Sudan**

Content Warning: The following statement has content on genocide, ongoing violence in Sudan and incitement of violence against Sudanese people.

Dear Members,

On April 15th, fighting broke out between the national military group, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), and the paramilitary group the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Most of the fighting is occurring in the capital, Khartoum, but clashes are reported across the country. The amount of lives lost and people injured is unknown but it is estimated that there are hundreds dead and thousands injured within the first three days. As fighting has continued to escalate, many civilians have been caught in the crossfire. Many have been left without food, water, and access to other essentials. There are only 6 operating hospitals, all of which are struggling to operate without resources.

We are deeply saddened by the ongoing recent events in Sudan, and send love and support to all people affected. We stand in solidarity with those afflicted by the current situation. The SCSU is here to support all our members and we encourage those seeking mental health support, to please access our resource list of on- and off-campus resources available at <https://www.scsu.ca/mental-health-resources> and <https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/hwc/mental-health-services-and-resources-utsc-students> and/or reach out to our Executive Team.

The SCSU is united in solidarity with Sudan and its people. At the April Board Meeting, a \$500 donation was made to the Sudanese American Physicians Association (SAPA). We encourage the UTSC community to stay updated on the current situation, to amplify the voices of Sudanese people on different platforms and to donate if you can. We are in solidarity with the Sudanese Students' Union - please read [their statement and their calls to action](#).

In Solidarity,

The SCSU Executives