

Date: 21st October 21,2026

To:

- H.E. the UN Secretary-General
- H.E. President of the United Nations Security Council
- H.E. Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- Permanent Members of the United Nations Security Council: United States, United Kingdom, France, China, Russian Federation

Subject: Request for Establishment of an International Investigation Committee into the Aerial Bombing of Sudanese Miners in Northern Sudan

Excellencies,

We present our respectful compliments and write to express grave concern regarding the recent aerial bombardment carried out by the Egyptian Air Force against unarmed traditional miners in the Al An sari area of northern Sudan on 10 October 2026. This deliberate attack on civilians constitutes a serious violation of international law and demands urgent international action.

The victims were impoverished miners driven by conflict, hunger, and state collapse to seek basic livelihood. Bombing them from the air is not a security operation; it is an unlawful and deliberate strike on civilians.

The attack represents:

- A breach of the UN Charter, including the prohibition on the use of force against the territorial integrity of another state.
- A fully constituted act of aggression under UN General Assembly Resolution 3314 (1974). (Article 3(b) of UNGA Resolution 3314 (1974) explicitly defines “bombardment by the armed forces of a State against the territory of another State” as an act of aggression.)
- A war crime under the Geneva Conventions, which categorically prohibit targeting civilians.
- A crime against humanity under Article 7 of the Rome Statute, given the widespread and systematic nature of the assault.

This incident is not isolated. It forms part of a broader pattern of cross-border violations committed by the Egyptian authority.

Given the gravity of these violations and the urgent need to protect civilians, we respectfully request:

1. The establishment of an independent international investigation committee, mandated by the UN Security Council and supported by the African Union, to investigate the aerial bombing in Al Ansari and all related cross-border violations.
2. A clear mandate to collect evidence, identify perpetrators, and document command responsibility, ensuring that findings meet international standards of admissibility.
3. Referral of the investigation’s findings to the International Criminal Court (ICC) for appropriate legal action, in accordance with the Rome Statute and the international community’s responsibility to ensure accountability for grave crimes.
4. Immediate protective measures to prevent further cross-border attacks and safeguard vulnerable communities in northern Sudan.

Sudanese lives are not expendable, and Sudanese territory must not become a battlefield for foreign military operations. Accountability is essential to prevent recurrence and to uphold the principles of international law.

We stand ready to cooperate fully with any international mechanism established to investigate this incident and protect the rights and dignity of Sudanese civilians.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

The Signatories:

Name:

- 1– Justice Africa Sudan.
- 2- Darfur Victims Support.
- 3-Darfur Bar Association
- 4- Africa Organisation for Rights & Development,
- 5-Kanabi Congress for Rights and Development
- 6-Alberdi for Peace and Development
- 7- AL Jasser Centre for Development and Peace
- 8-Raboa Sudanese Development and Peace Organisation
- 9-Elaf Organisation for Peace * Community Development
- 10- Kordofan Women’s Organisation for Human Rights
- 11- Gadim Refugees Empowerment Organisation
- 12- Sudanese Centre for Democratic Media
- 13- EL Khatim Adlan Centre
- 14- Kawalis Media
- 15-AL Jraasalhamish ALHamish
- 16- Sudanese Journalists’ Initiative for Peace & Democracy
- 17- Ayin Al Adala
- 18- Al Ajasser News
- 19- Enlightenment Centre
- 20-Nahya Organisation
- 21-Voice of Victims
- 22-Sudan Group for Defending Rights and Freedom.
23. Nuba Lawyers Union

CC To:

- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- The ICC Prosecutor
- Relevant UN Special Rapporteurs