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Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Sudan

This report discusses the patterns visible in the available information on occurrences of CRSV since the start of the current conflict. During this conflict, incidents of CRSV have been attributed to the RSF, SAF and the Sudan Liberation Army led by Minni Minawi (SLA-MM). The vast majority of incidents were allegedly perpetrated by RSF soldiers. RSF commanders have dismissed these accusations by calling them isolated incidents and claiming that they were unable to intervene.

This brief analyses the reported details of where and how these incidents took place according to available information, and discusses patterns of situational context and perpetrator behaviour. The examination of patterns of reported sexual violence provides important insights into how some of this violence is carried out and the factors and elements that led to such acts. [Read more](#)

Insecurity Insight has identified at least 202 attacks on Sudan's health care system between 01 January-27 September 2023. In these incidents, at least 31 health workers have been killed, 51 injured, seven kidnapped and 17 arrested. In addition, health facilities have been damaged on 45 occasions. This data is available on [HDX](#). See where incidents happened on this [interactive map](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please get in [touch](#). Join our [mailing list](#) for updates.

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Documented incidents

21 October 2023: In Sharg Elnil, East Nile/El Darf area, Khartoum city and state, RSF forces assaulted a female doctor at the Alban El Jadeed Hospital, then opened fire in front of the hospital gate resulting in the temporary closure of the hospital. It reopened on 23 October. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#), [Radio Dabanga I](#) and [Radio Dabanga II](#)

24-26 October 2023: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, a military hospital was taken over by RSF forces during their takeover of nearby SAF positions including the SAF's 16th Infantry Division. **Sources:** [Radio Dabanga I](#) and [Radio Dabanga II](#)

25 October 2023: In Nyala town, South Darfur state, local staffers of the INGO EMERGENCY were arrested by RSF forces and taken from the Paediatric Centre. All were released by 30 October. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [EMERGENCY](#) and [Public](#)

26 October 2023: In Nyala city, South Darfur, over 20 doctors from the Italian Hospital were arrested by RSF forces and allied militias on accusations of treating SAF members. At least one

male staff member was beaten, and tied up and taken in a vehicle. **Sources:** [Darfur Network for Human Rights](#) and [Personal Communication I](#) and [Personal Communication II](#)

26 October 2023: In Nyala city, South Darfur, an English teacher and employee of the Italian Hospital was killed by the RSF. **Source:** [Jameela](#)

As reported on 30 October 2023: In Nyala town, South Darfur state, the premises and equipment of the Paediatric Centre were looted and damaged by unidentified perpetrators, forcing the INGO EMERGENCY to suspend its activities until further notice. **Source:** [EMERGENCY](#)

30 October 2023: In Jebel Awlia, Khartoum state, Jebel Awlia Hospital has been closed for over two weeks due to continued artillery shelling in the area. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

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