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Over 120 non-governmental organizations call on Human Rights Council to form independent investigative mechanism on Sudan

Over 110 NGOs have called on the Human Rights Council to establish an independent investigative mechanism on Sudan.

Any investigative mechanism in Sudan requires a clear and robust mandate to investigate the numerous human rights violations and abuses perpetrated by all parties to the conflict and to seek accountability for these violations, including through the collection and preservation of evidence, focusing on addressing sexual and gender-based violence.

Interethnic violence reminiscent of past genocide in West Darfur underscores the urgency of our demands.

More than 4,000 people have been killed, including hundreds of civilians. These include 28 humanitarian and health workers and 435 children and over 4.3 million people have been forced to flee their homes since conflict erupted.

On November 5th, 2021, CIHRS [warned](#) this council to “listen to the demands of the people and take bold action to protect civilians” or “forsake the people of Sudan and bow to the brutality of the military.”

Today, history will record your choice and this Council must stop turning a blind eye and step up to its responsibilities before it's too late.