



9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Urgent Appeal

We are gravely concerned to receive confirmed reports from Khartoum , Sudan on Sunday 9th June 2019 that the Rapid Support Forces (aka Janjaweed militia)supported by Sudan Transitional Military Council (TMC) have blocked the provision of medicines, medical equipment and supplies to hospitals this morning.

They have occupied the National Medicines and Pharmaceutical supplies headquarters.

Also the military forces have closed multiple hospital's emergency departments (public and private sector ) in the face of the medical staff, noting that Emergency departments had been excluded at all stages of doctors strike and the current general civil disobedience.

The situation is rapidly escalating to a humanitarian crises. The death toll continues to rise on a daily basis since the massacre on Monday 3rd June 2019.

There are over 130 confirmed deaths and over 700 injured people. Doctors and other Health Care Professionals are struggling to provide care with diminishing medical supplies and medicines whilst themselves being targeted with violence from the Rapid Support Forces.

We are extremely worried about the deterioration of people's health and lives in Sudan due to the restriction and obstruction of medicines, rescue and clinical care teams.

We would like to draw particular emphasis to the impact of this new atrocity on life saving medicines.

It is becoming very clear that the TMC is trying to distort the civil disobedience by preventing civilians from their fundamental rights to have access to emergency medical services. Which urgently necessitates declaring Sudan as having humanitarian/medical crisis by the Red Cross and other agencies.

\*We do urgently appeal to all international medical organisations including UN agencies to exercise the necessary political pressure on the TMC to halt the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Sudan, by allowing unconditional access of medical aid equipments, lifesaving medications and medical staff, both from within Sudan and from overseas, to reach hospitals in Sudan.

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