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Subject: KSA's Efforts to Stabilize Sudan & Facilitate Evacuations
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Dear Robert,

On behalf of the Embassy of Saudi Arabia, I am writing to provide you with an update on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's efforts to stabilize the unfortunate situation in Sudan.

The Kingdom has been focused on bringing an end to this conflict and in responding on a basic humanitarian level to this tragedy.

Over the past number of days, as the tragic violence in Sudan has escalated, the Kingdom has [evacuated](#) thousands of foreign nationals, including U.S. nationals, in addition to Saudis, from Sudan to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The Royal Saudi Navy and other branches of the Saudi government have been primarily responsible for carrying out these evacuations. Moreover, the Kingdom has offered assistance to ensure the safe evacuation of these foreign nationals to their ultimate destinations.

Notably:

- [On April 22](#), President Biden issued a [statement](#) acknowledging the Kingdom's role in helping the U.S. military to conduct a successful operation to extract U.S. Government personnel from Khartoum after the suspension of the U.S. Embassy's operations.
- [On April 28](#), the US Department of State issued a [tweet](#) highlighting the Kingdom's invaluable engagement in the United States' ongoing diplomatic efforts in Sudan, and the Kingdom's support in helping U.S. citizens depart from Sudan.
- [On May 6](#), the Kingdom successfully [facilitated](#) and hosted pre-negotiation talks in Saudi Arabia between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces. Leading up to the pre-negotiation talks, the Kingdom and the US urged both parties to engage in the talks to advance the following objectives: achieving an effective short-term ceasefire, facilitating the delivery of emergency humanitarian assistance and restoration of essential services, and scheduling subsequent expanded negotiations to achieve a permanent cessation of hostilities.
- [On May 7](#), the Kingdom [announced](#) that it will allocate \$100 million in humanitarian aid to Sudan to mitigate the impacts on the Sudanese people.

Please see the attached fact sheet with more information about the Kingdom's humanitarian and diplomatic efforts to stabilize the situation in Sudan.

Sincerely,
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Fact Sheet: Saudi Arabia's Efforts to Stabilize Sudan & Facilitate Evacuations

Overview

Saudi Arabia has evacuated approximately 8,498 people from Sudan, including 278 Saudi citizens, and nationals from 110 countries, the Saudi Foreign Ministry said in a statement on 7 May. As fighting in the capital Khartoum entered a second week, evacuees have arrived in the city of Jeddah. Among the evacuees were nationals from the US, the UK, Sweden, Italy, Qatar, Syria, the Netherlands, Iraq, Türkiye, Tanzania, Lebanon, France, Libya, and more.

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will continue its efforts and offer assistance to ensure the safe evacuation of foreign nationals to their destinations."



President Joe Biden – April 22:



"Today, on my orders, the United States military conducted an operation to extract U.S. Government personnel from Khartoum. I am proud of the extraordinary commitment of our Embassy staff, who performed their duties with courage and professionalism and embodied America's friendship and connection with the people of Sudan. I am grateful for the unmatched skill of our service members who successfully brought them to safety. And I thank Djibouti, Ethiopia, and **Saudi Arabia**, which were critical to the success of our operation."

Molly Phee, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs – April 22:

"The Sudanese people are not giving up, and neither will we. The goal is to bring an end to this fighting and a start to civilian government. At the direction of the Secretary, we are in close contact with Sudan's military and civilian leaders to see if we can help them identify a path to extend and expand the Eid al-Fitr ceasefire to reach a sustainable cessation of hostilities that includes humanitarian arrangements. I particularly want to highlight our collaboration with the member-states of the East African regional organization,



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which is known as IGAD, as well as the critical role played by our **Saudi** and Emirati partners.”



Secretary of State Antony Blinken – April 24:

“I’ve spoken directly to counterparts in **Saudi Arabia**, in the United Arab Emirates. Other members of our team have spoken to Egypt and other countries, the United Kingdom, all to the same end, which is trying to get a cease-fire, trying to get a more sustainable cessation of hostilities, and then trying to get the country back on track to the transition to a civilian-led government that it

was on before the violence that erupted...”

Pat Ryder, Pentagon Press Secretary – April 24:

“I would like to underscore Secretary Austin's appreciation and thanks to our servicemembers for their extraordinary work in close coordination with the State Department to help safely evacuate U.S. government personnel out of Sudan over the weekend... Secretary Austin also expressed his thanks to our allies and partners, to include Djibouti, Ethiopia, and **Saudi Arabia**, who were critical to the success of this operation.”



National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan – April 24:

“As you all know, on Saturday on the president's orders, the United States military conducted a successful operation to extract all U.S. government personnel from Khartoum... We thank Djibouti, Ethiopia, and **Saudi Arabia**, each of which were critical to the success of our operation.”

U.S State Department – Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs Tweet - April 28:

“The United States is grateful to **Saudi Arabia** and the United Arab Emirates for their invaluable engagement in our ongoing diplomatic efforts and their support in helping U.S. citizens depart Sudan.”



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