Joint press release

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69 Human rights networks, coalitions and organizations in 13 Arab countries condemn the massacre of the military junta in Khartoum

And demands the international community for not recognize the military coup and for the protection of civilians

The signatories of this statement condemn the use of armed force in the peaceful sit-in by the military junta on Monday morning in the capital Khartoum which resulted, according to the information available and not final, the death of more than 30 martyrs and a number of 559 wounded peaceful protesters. Furthermore, 120 protesters have been arrested in the northern section of Khartoum and a number of martyrs' bodies have been dumped in the river Nile.

The signatories affirm that the military junta is fully responsible for this illegal act, considering this action as a criminal and condemnable act against the people and their legitimate aspirations for freedom, peace and justice. It violates all international laws and conventions and constitutes a flagrant violation of the right to life and a flagrant violation of the right of peoples to express themselves.

Expressing its deepest condolences to the families of the victims and wishes for the speedy recovery of the wounded. In addition to that they demand that the military coup council, which seized power by armed force on 11 April, hand over power to a civilian–led transitional authority and put an immediate end to attempts to procrastinate, deceive the people and the international community. The people and the adoption of decisions and actions are not of his powers, in addition to weave foreign relations without the legitimate legitimization of the people. It is worth noting that the army's mission, an absolute army, is limited to protecting the people and
defending the country's borders including the exceptional times in which the army favors the demands of the people.

They also strongly condemn the campaign of arbitrary arrests, which are carried out widely against the citizens of the protestors, and are concerned about their fate, and information is received confirming the arrest of the wounded in the sit-in and preventing them from being treated in hospitals.

The signatories demand that the military junta should respond to the legitimate demands of the Sudanese people to hand over the transitional authority to a civilian leadership and appeal to the African Union, the European Union, the UN Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and all international human rights organizations and bodies to protect civilians and not recognize the rape of the coup in Sudan. They also call on the Human Rights Council to establish an international commission of inquiry to investigate the excessive use of force exercised by the Bashir regime and its generals since the start of the Sudanese people's peaceful movement on December 19, 2018 and to bring those responsible before Sudanese and/or international justice.

Finally, as human rights defenders, they show their full support to the Sudanese for exercising their right to use all forms of peaceful protest against marches, sit-ins, strikes and civil disobedience to express their legitimate and just demands for freedom, peace and justice.

Signatories:

1. Amman Center for Human Rights (ACHRS)
2. Maghreb Coordination of Human Rights Organizations (include 22 organization from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Mauritania)
3. Moroccan Association for Human Rights
4. Arab Women Organization of Jordan – AWO
5. Arab Women Media Center / Jordan
6. Society for Jordanian Jurist
7. Amman Forum Society for Human Rights (AFSHR)
8. The Union of Jordanian Independent Trade Unions
9. Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture / Lebanon
11. Moroccan Coalition of Human Rights Bodies (include 23 organizations)
12. Damascus Center for the Study of Civil and Political Rights
13. The Libyan Society for Human Rights and Scientific Research / Libya
15. Jerusalem Center for Legal Aid and Human Rights/Palestine
16. Iraqi Coalition of human rights organizations in Iraq (include 54 organizations)
17. The Jordanian Network for Human Rights (include 10 organizations)
18. Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS“ / Palestine
19. Iraqi League for Human Rights Training Association
20. International Center for Supporting Rights and Freedoms/Swizerland
21. Gulf Institute for Democracy and Human Rights
22. Bahrain Forum for Human Rights
23. Salam Organization for Democracy and Human Rights
25. International Alliance for Peace and Human Rights in the Middle East and the Arab World / Mauritania
26. Mauritanian Society for Promoting Human Rights
27. Jordan Network for Human Rights
28. Arab Network for Human Rights Trainers
29. Arab Coalitions against the Death Penalty
30. Jordan Coalition against the Death Penalty
31. Tunisian Association for Press Freedom
32. Middle East Foundation for Development and Human Rights / Yemen
33. National Foundation for Combating Human Trafficking / Yemen
34. Adalah for Human Rights / Yemen
35. Yemeni Coalition Against the Death Penalty
36. Civil Coalition of Independent Yemeni Community Organizations
37. Arab Sisters Organization for Human Rights / Yemen
38. Legal Center for Rights and Development / Yemen
39. Women's Foundation for Human Development / Yemen
40. Transparency Foundation for Human Rights / Yemen
41. Al-Masar Cultural Foundation / Yemen
42. Lawyers for Justice / Yemen
43. Center for Civil and Political Rights of Yemen
44. Arab Committee for the Defense of Freedom of Opinion and Expression/ Syria
45. The Syrian Women's Alliance for Security Council Resolution 1325 in Syria (led by 29 women, comprising 87 human rights organizations and women's rights advocates)
46. Syrian National Network for Civil Peace and Community Safety
47. National Coordination for the Defense of Missing Persons in Syria
48. Syrian League of Jurists for Transitional Justice and Rule of Law
49. Syrian Women's Association for Studies and Training in Human Rights
50. Syrian Women's Foundation for Transitional Justice
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55. The Coalition of Human Rights Groups to Stop the Aggression, Lift the
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56. Public Aid Organization /PAO / Iraq
57. Freedom of Information and Expression Organization / Morocco
58. Moroccan Association of Progressive Women (AMFP)
59. Bahrain Society for Human Rights
60. Women Workers Association / Jordan
61. Women's Vision Association / Jordan
62. Moroccan Democracy Network for Solidarity with Peoples
63. Iraqi Human Rights Watch Association
64. Tunisian League for the Defense of Human Rights
65. Ibn Rushd Association for Development and Democracy / Iraq
66. Cultural Gathering for Democracy / Iraq
67. Women's Cultural Caucus for Democracy / Iraq
68. Swiss Academy for Human Rights / Switzerland
69. National Center for Human Rights Studies/Iraq