

**Joint Open Letter**

Monday 17 June 2019

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**Guterres  
Secretary General of the United Nations**

**Moussa Faki Mahamat  
African Union Commission Chairperson**

We the undersigned, 70 human rights organizations, networks and alliances from 13 Arab states, call on the United Nations and the African Union to undertake an urgent investigation into the crimes of the Sudanese military council in Khartoum on the 3rd of June.

During a press conference on Thursday 13th June, the spokesperson of the Transitional Military Council, Shams al-Din Kabbashi publicly acknowledged and admitted to the military council's decision to disband the sit-in carried out on the 3 June, after taking the advice of the Chief Justice and Attorney General. Kabbashi stated that the sit-in aimed to provoke and abuse their military forces, because of this they moved to break-up the sit-in. However, deviations from the original plan and mistakes were made.

The signatories also express deep concern about the Chief Justice of Sudan accepting to be an advisor to the junta rather than maintaining an independent judiciary.

The undersigned therefore call on the United Nations and the African Union to conduct an investigation into the crimes against defenseless civilians, targeting them in their sleep after midnight, in which, according to the Central Committee of Sudan Doctors, 118 victims were killed. In addition to this

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hundreds have been wounded, abducted or reported missing, this includes those who have not been recovered from the Nile River, and thousands of women, men and children continue to be intimidated. Without delay, those responsible for these crimes against humanity must be held accountable under domestic and/or international law.

**Signatories:**

1. Maghreb Coordination of Human Rights Organizations (include 22 organization from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Mauritania)
2. Amman Center for Human Rights(ACHRS)
3. Moroccan Association for Human Rights
4. Jerusalem Center for Legal Aid and Human Rights/Palestine
5. Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture / Lebanon
6. Yemen Organization for the Defense of Democratic Rights and Freedoms
7. Arab Organization for transitional Justice/Egypt
8. Tunisian League for Defense Human Rights
9. Bahrain Society for Human Rights
10. Mauritanian Society for Promoting Human Rights
11. Algerian League for Defense Human Rights
12. Arab Commission for Human Rights / Paris
13. Iraqi Coalition of human rights organizations in Iraq (include 54 organizations)
14. Swiss Academy for Human Rights / Switzerland
15. Justice Network for Prisoners in Iraq (with more than 50 organizations)
16. The Union of Jordanian Independent Trade Unions
17. Bahrain Forum for Human Rights
18. Kurdish Committee for Human Rights in Syria (Al Rased )
19. Arab Foundation for Supporting Civil Society and Human Rights / Egypt
20. Justice Appeal for Rights and Development / Egypt

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21. Jordan Society for Human Rights
22. Arab Coalitions against the Death Penalty
23. International Center for Supporting Rights and Freedoms/Switzerland
24. Women's Cultural Caucus for Democracy / Iraq
25. Arab Women Media Center / Jordan
26. Public Aid Organization /PAO / Iraq
27. Amman Forum Society for Human Rights(AFSHR)
28. Yemeni Organization for the Defense of Human Rights and Democratic Freedoms / Aden
29. Women's Center for Guidance and Legal Awareness/ Egypt
30. Center for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights / Yemen
31. Legal Network for Arab women's/Jordan
32. Jordan Society for Human Rights
33. Syrian Association for the Defense of Workers' Rights
34. 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)
35. Center for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights / Yemen
36. Ibn Rushd Association for Development and Democracy / Iraq
37. Middle East Foundation for Development and Human Rights / Yemen
38. National Coordination for the Defense of Missing Persons in Syria
39. Arab Sisters Organization for Human Rights / Yemen
40. Syrian Center for Human Rights Education
41. Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS" / Palestine
42. Women Workers Association / Jordan
43. National Foundation for Combating Human Trafficking / Yemen
44. Salam Organization for Democracy and Human Rights

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45. The Jordanian Network for Human Rights (include 10 organizations)
46. Legal Center for Rights and Development / Yemen
47. Impact Society for Human Rights / Jordan
48. The Libyan Society for Human Rights and Scientific Research / Libya
49. Lawyers for Justice / Yemen
50. Tunisian Association for Press Freedom
51. Damascus Center for the Study of Civil and Political Rights
52. Freedom of Information and Expression Organization / Morocco
53. Jordan Coalition against the Death Penalty
54. Iraqi Center for Documentation of War Crimes
55. Transparency Foundation for Human Rights / Yemen
56. Iraqi League for Human Rights Training Association
57. Arab Network for Human Rights Trainers
58. The Coalition of Human Rights Organizations to Stop the Aggression, Lift the Siege, and Build the Peace in Yemen
59. Iraqi Human Rights Watch Association
60. Women's Foundation for Human Development / Yemen
61. National Center for Human Rights Studies/Iraq
62. Enabling legal aid and human rights/Jordan
63. Gulf Institute for Democracy and Human Rights
64. Yemeni Coalition Against the Death Penalty
65. Committee for vigilance for democracy in Tunisia
66. The Lebanese Democratic Women's Gathering
67. Democratic Network in the Arab World
68. Moroccan Coalition of Human Rights Bodies (Include 23 organizations)
69. Moroccan Association of Progressive Women (AMFP)
70. Moroccan Democracy for Solidarity with Peoples

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