



Statement on behalf of OIC, delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, DPR, during Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner on Sudan (Oral Update)
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Mr. President,

We thank the High Commissioner for his oral update and take note of his findings.

The OIC member states remain concerned over the security situation in Sudan, and the continued loss of innocent lives, injuries to thousands and the ensuing dire humanitarian situation.

We reaffirm our solidarity and stand by the people of Sudan during these challenging times and reiterate our support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sudan.

The situation has resulted in a deteriorating humanitarian situation in the country. More than 25 million Sudanese including millions of children are in urgent need of lifesaving humanitarian support.

The multifaceted crisis faced by the people of Sudan needs urgent attention. We urge the international community including humanitarian organizations to enhance their support and assistance programs.

We also call upon these agencies to provide support to Sudan's neighbouring countries, which are hosting a large number of people displaced due to the conflict.

We welcome the regional efforts to bring peace and stability in the country, including the efforts undertaken under the Jeddah and the Cairo Process.

We call on all parties involved to exercise restraint and take effective steps towards maintenance of ceasefire.

We recognize Sudan's consistent cooperation and engagement with this Council.

We urge OHCHR to continue to provide technical assistance for enhancing Sudan's capacities to promote and protect the human rights of its people and fulfil its international obligations.

I thank you!