



National statement by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, during Urgent Debate to “address the human rights situation in and around El Obeid, North Kordofan in the context of the ongoing conflict in the Sudan.”

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Mr. President,

For more than three years, the Sudan has remained in the grip of a devastating conflict, with civilians bearing the heaviest cost.

The situation in and around El Obeid is particularly alarming, given reports of substantial Rapid Support Forces (RSF) reinforcements and the risk of a ground offensive.

As noted by the High Commissioner in his statement of 18 June 2026 and others, the RSF's record of grave abuses and atrocities in El Fasher and elsewhere in the Sudan underscores the imminent risk of mass atrocities.

The growing use of drones and advanced weaponry remains a matter of grave concern.

The RSF must lift its siege of El Obeid, halt its assault, comply with international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and protect civilians.

We call for safe, rapid, sustained and unhindered humanitarian access to those in need, and stress that attacks on humanitarian personnel are indefensible. It remains imperative to abide by the 2023 Jeddah Declaration of Commitment to Protect the Civilians of Sudan.

Sudan's sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity must be preserved. Parallel governance structures must be firmly rejected. They would only prolong the conflict, to which there is no military solution.

Pakistan welcomes international and regional efforts to achieve an immediate ceasefire and to support an inclusive, Sudan owned and Sudan-led political process.

Thank you.

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