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AFRICA · EL FASHER, SUDAN

One year after its capture, El Fasher's remaining civilians describe detention, torture and fear



Explainer image: a map of Sudan's Darfur region. CC BY-SA 3.0 via Wikimedia Commons. Context, not a photo of the event.

Residents who recently escaped El Fasher in North Darfur told Amnesty International that schools have been turned into detention centres, movement is strictly controlled and unlawful killings are rife, a year after the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) took the city.

Humanitarian organisations estimate [Estimate · Humanitarian organisations] fewer than 70,000 people remain in a city that had more than one million before the war. Aid access is limited, and aid workers and civilians are constantly monitored, with a very high risk of arbitrary detention.

According to official assessments cited by Amnesty, [Prediction · Official assessments] IPC Phase 5 famine is highly likely in North Darfur, including El Fasher, in the months ahead.

DEPTH five layers, from what happened to the full picture

L1 WHAT HAPPENED

A year after the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) took El Fasher in North Darfur, residents who escaped told Amnesty International about detention, torture and fear.

L2 WHO'S AFFECTED

The people still inside: humanitarian organisations estimate [Estimate · Humanitarian organisations] fewer than 70,000 remain, in a city that had more than one million people before the war. Schools have been turned into detention centres and movement is strictly controlled.

L3 WHY IT'S QUIET

We don't have media-coverage data for this story yet, so we won't guess why it was quiet. It is here because the outlets below reported it and it drew little wider attention.

L4 DEEPER IMPACT

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L5 FULL CONTEXT

Official assessments cited by Amnesty say [Prediction · Official assessments] famine (IPC Phase 5) is highly likely in North Darfur, including El Fasher, in the months ahead.

SOURCES Amnesty International: Sudan: El Fasher civilians suffer unlawful killings, detention and torture one year after city's capture by the RSF – new testimony

Read online: theoverlooked.news/story/el-fasher-one-year-after-rsf-capture

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