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Sudan: Deadly Reciprocal Offensives for Strategic Locations in Khartoum and Darfur

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VITAL TRENDS

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- Four months into the conflict, ACLED records nearly 7,500 fatalities [1] in Sudan since fighting broke out between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on 15 April.
- In the last month, from 5 August to 1 September 2023, over 470 political violence events were reported, with more than 2,280 fatalities. Khartoum state was the site of intense fighting as the SAF and RSF fought for control of the Armored Corps base and Shambat bridge. Meanwhile, inter-ethnic violence escalated in South Darfur, which has witnessed high levels of violence since July.
- Khartoum state continues to have the highest number of recorded political violence events and fatalities, with over 300 and 1,400, respectively, during the reporting period. South Darfur state follows, with nearly 40 political violence events and over 380 fatalities. Fighting between different ethnic militias in multiple locations in South Darfur, due to looting and disagreements about allegiance to the RSF, resulted in hundreds of deaths.
- The most common weapon was battles, with nearly 800 events recorded, followed by violence against civilians and explosions/remote violence, with almost 200 events recorded for each. The SAF conducted nearly 80% of the recorded bombings across Sudan, particularly targeting RSF positions in the Khartoum tri-city metropolitan area.

Political Violence in Sudan 5 August - 1 September
Key Developments
Political updates
5 August
Sudan's Sovereign Council appoints the governor of Gezira state, replacing the RSF
5 August
Sudan's Sovereign Council commander Al-Burhan of Kordofan state, a former member of the RSF, South Darfur
5 August
Sudan's Sovereign Council forces arrests its cabinet to fight cash shortages
5 August
Al-Burhan appoints other officials to the Sovereign Council and sets up a committee to draft a new constitution
5 August
The Juba Peace Agreement signatories reiterate their commitment to the agreement and its implementation
Violent events
5 August
Fighting between Rapid Support Forces and Sudan Armed Forces, Khartoum