

Al-Burhan announces the non-participation of the military institution in the tripartite mechanism dialogue and confirms the commitment of the armed forces to work with everyone to reach a national consensus and consent.

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The Chairman of the Transitional Sovereign Council, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lieutenant General Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, announced that the military institution will not participate in the dialogue facilitated by the tripartite mechanism, to allow the political and revolutionary forces and other national components to sit down to form a government of independent national competencies to complete the requirements of the transitional period. In his speech this evening to the Sudanese people, Al-Burhan affirmed the commitment of the armed forces to work with all components of the Sudanese people to achieve national consensus.

**Below is the text of the speech:**

In the name of Allah the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

Praise be to Allah and prayer and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah

Dear Sudanese people:

I am addressing you today, while our nation is experiencing a crisis that imperils its unity and the coherence of its national cohesion and threatens to obstruct the completion of the transition and the intended democratic transition.

Our conviction that the military establishment's primary goals and objectives are to protect the security and safety of the nation and its citizens, and in confirmation of our commitment to support the accomplishment of the glorious December revolution's goals, and out of our desire to support the democratic transition, as well as to protect and fulfil the requirements of this transition, considering the decline in the state's diverse forces, the deaths and damage to public property brought on by political rivalries, and attempts to monopolize power and exclude the other, rather than upholding national interests and values. The homeland is above all, and it is

not subject to the calculations of victory or defeat between opponents, its unity, security, and the integrity of its land without which it will be redeemed by souls.

In my capacity as Chairman of the Sovereignty Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, the following has been decided: :

**First:** The military establishment does not participate in the current negotiations, which are facilitated by the tripartite mechanism, to allow the political and revolutionary forces and other national components to sit down and form a government of independent national competencies that will complete the requirements of the transitional period. Therefore, I hope that these forces will engage in an immediate and serious dialogue that restores the unity of the Sudan people.

It enables the removal of the spectre of the existential threats to the Sudanese state and brings everyone back to the path of transformation and democratic transition.

**Second:** After the formation of the executive government, the Sovereignty Council will be dissolved and a Supreme Council of the Armed Forces and Rapid Support will be formed to assume the supreme command of the regular forces and be responsible for security and defence tasks and related responsibilities to complete its tasks in agreement with the government that is formed.

**Third:** For all of us to contribute to the dialogue's success, I urge all segments of society, particularly the youth, to embrace peace. Everyone has the right to express themselves. The efforts you have made to fulfil your democratic transition hopes and dreams are much appreciated. Your armed forces won't stand in the way because you are Sudan's hope and future, and mercy may be upon the souls of the martyrs.

We regret the loss of the victims on all sides, and we affirm that the Military and Security Forces will support the attainment of justice and aid in the investigation that results in the clarification of the facts and the bringing to justice of those responsible for the losses of life.

In conclusion, the armed forces reiterate their prior commitment to collaborating with all segments of the Sudanese people to forge a national consensus that completes the path of transformation and democratic transition and results in the holding of elections through which the Sudanese people elect their ruler. Additionally, it declares its support for the initiatives taken by the tripartite mechanism, as well as the friends and neighbouring countries of Sudan.

Long live the people of Sudan, free and proud

Glory and eternity to our martyrs

Peace be upon you and the Mercy of Allah

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