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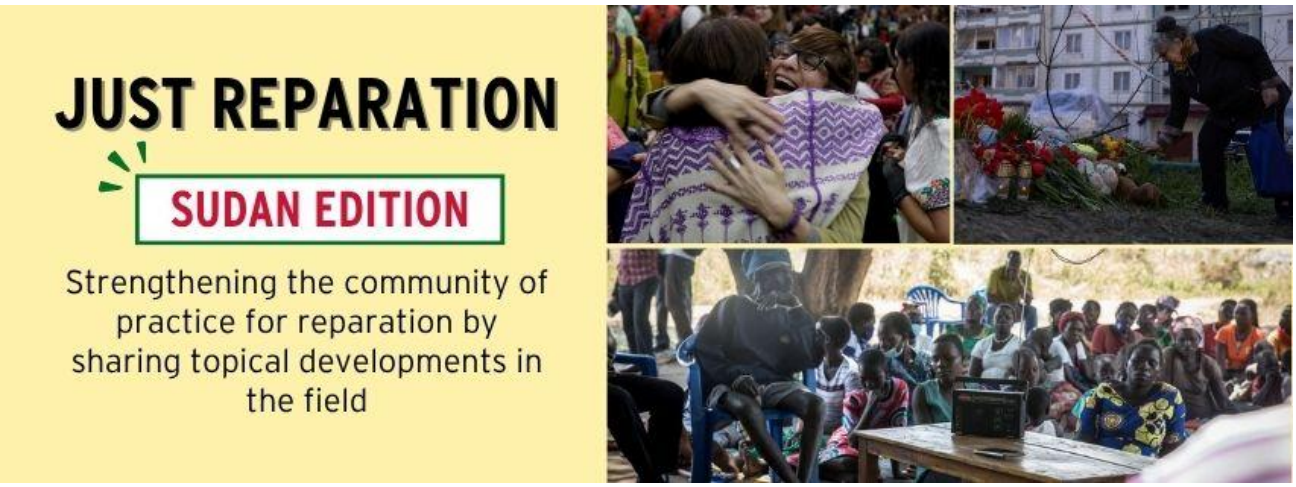

Just Reparation is a regular roundup of news on reparation, curated by the REDRESS legal team.

This special edition focuses on ongoing discussions, initiatives, and pathways towards reparation for victims of the conflict in Sudan. Since the outbreak of hostilities in April 2023, Sudan has been engulfed in one of the world's most severe humanitarian and human rights crises. Across the country, civilians continue to endure widespread atrocities, including killings, torture, conflict-related sexual violence, enforced disappearances, and mass displacement.

Ensuring justice and reparation for victims presents significant challenges. The ongoing armed conflict, the sheer scale of victimisation, the presence of survivors from both –and usually intersected- the current conflict and the violence that began in Darfur in 2003, the absence of effective accountability mechanisms, limited political will, insufficient international action, and the lack of clear and accessible avenues for redress all hinder victims' ability to obtain reparations.

This edition brings together seven contributions from practitioners, advocates, and organisations working alongside survivors of torture and other serious human rights violations in Sudan. While the perspectives and recommendations offered vary, they share two fundamental messages: survivors must be heard, and reparations cannot wait. The need for meaningful, victim-centred reparative measures is both urgent and immediate.

SURVIVORS' VOICES AND REPARATION IN SUDAN

Justice and Reparations Cannot Wait for the War to End

By Ikhlass Ahmed, SIHA Network

Combining her own experience of loss with the testimonies of survivors, Ikhlass Ahmed examines why justice and reparation in Sudan must be measured not only by future accountability, but also by the support provided to victims today.

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The Potential Role of an International Accountability Mechanism for Sudan

By Christine Kirabo, African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS)

The debate on accountability in Sudan often focuses on prosecutions, but survivors' priorities are frequently more immediate: truth, recognition, and repair. In this article, Christine Kirabo reflects on how an international accountability mechanism could bridge the gap between documenting crimes and delivering meaningful justice.

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From Internal Displacement to Reparation: Why Compensation for War Victims in Sudan Must Start Now

By Noon Kashkosh, Al-Jazeera Observatory for Human Rights

Humanitarian assistance is essential, but it is not enough to address the harm suffered by millions of displaced Sudanese. In this article, Noon Kashkosh explores how documentation, victim participation, and early reparative measures can help lay the foundations for justice and recovery.

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From Documentation to Reparation: Why Sudan Needs a Victims' Registry

By Hugo van der Merwe and Clara Sandoval, Global Survivors Fund

Reparations begin with recognition. In this article, Hugo van der Merwe and Clara Sandoval explain why creating a victims' registry now could help ensure that survivors of Sudan's conflicts are not forgotten and can one day access the reparation to which they are entitled.

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Accountability, Victims' Rights and Reparation in Sudan: A Country in Crisis

By Moneim Adam, Sudan Human Rights Hub (SHRH)

The ICC's conviction of Ali Kushayb marks a historic milestone for victims of atrocities committed in Darfur. Yet, as Moneim Adam argues, the judgment also highlights the immense challenges of delivering meaningful reparation to communities still facing violence, displacement, and insecurity.

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Born as a Result: An Open Question for the Reparation Phase

By Matmoora

More than twenty years after the atrocities in Darfur, some individuals born as a result of rape continue to face exclusion, stigma, and barriers to legal identity. This article explores whether the ongoing ICC reparation process can offer meaningful recognition and redress for a group that has remained largely invisible.

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Galvanising the African Union's Role on Sudan

By Caitlan Lloyd, REDRESS

For victims of conflict in Sudan, reparation must include measures that address the structural causes of violence and impunity. Caitlan Lloyd considers how the African Union can strengthen its role in promoting accountability, reparations, and a more durable peace.

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WEEKEND READINGS

Sudan: Bringing to Justice Those Who Make the War Possible

by Justice Info

More than three years into Sudan's war, no one has yet been prosecuted for crimes committed since April 2023. This article examines emerging efforts to hold not only direct perpetrators accountable, but also foreign actors alleged to have enabled atrocities through the provision of arms, funding, logistics, and political support. It explores recent submissions before the ICC and a novel universal jurisdiction case in Kenya, highlighting attempts to trace responsibility beyond Sudan's borders. The piece raises important questions about accountability for those who

profit from and sustain conflict from afar.

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Children's Right to Access Education in Sudan Amidst Ongoing Conflict
by African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies

This report reveals that the war not only halted the educational process but also led to its collapse across large areas of Sudan. With nearly nineteen million children out of the education system, more than ten thousand schools closed, and many children missing over five hundred school days, the report documents numerous direct violations against educational facilities, including the use of schools as military bases and shelters, as well as their targeting through bombing, destruction, and looting.

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Sudan: 'City Under Siege, Children Under Fire': Rapid Support Forces' Crimes Against Humanity in North Darfur
by Amnesty International

This report documents the Rapid Support Forces' (RSF's) slow and violent takeover of North Darfur and its capital, El Fasher, after it began fighting the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) in April 2023. The abuses, which amount to crimes against humanity under international law, displaced hundreds of thousands of children, exposing them to death and injury during attacks or while fleeing.

Countless children have been orphaned.

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EVENTS

REDRESS WEBINAR SERIES

Towards a Crimes Against Humanity Convention

REDRESS hosts periodic webinars on reparation practices to support the anti-torture movement. These sessions share practical tips, comparative experiences, lessons learned, and other relevant insights for practitioners. They create and strengthen ties among practitioners, academics, and activists from varied backgrounds and contribute to the formation of a community of practice on reparation. Find details of previous webinar here.

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming webinar Towards a Crimes Against Humanity Convention, taking place on **Wednesday 4th November 2026, at 1500 pm CET**.

This online discussion will examine the future UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity and what the current negotiation process means for international justice efforts worldwide. Bringing together experts and advocates engaged in the process, the webinar will provide an update on recent developments, identify key issues under discussion, and explore opportunities for civil society engagement in the lead-up to the next phase of negotiations.

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