DAR TALKS Sudan: the war on women and girls

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THE NEWS

On 11 September the UN Security Council renewed its sanctions on Sudan for one month only. The arms embargo, asset freezes and travel bans set up under Resolution 1591 now expire on **9 October**, which is also the day the Human Rights Council's 63rd session closes in Geneva. Council members could not agree on whether the arms embargo should cover the whole of Sudan rather than Darfur alone.

WHO IS SPEAKING

Dar al-Salam Wadaah (she writes as DAR) is Sudanese. When the war began in April 2023 she was a postgraduate student in Al-Gezira, working on a master's in animal nutrition. Because her family comes from Darfur, she was branded Janjaweed and hunted. She spent more than a year on the move before reaching France, where she now writes about what the war has done to Sudanese women, in English, French and Arabic. She does not side with the Sudanese Armed Forces or the Rapid Support Forces. Both have been credibly accused of serious crimes against women.

KEY FIGURES

546	cases of conflict-related sexual violence verified by the UN Human Rights Office in 16 of Sudan's 18 states. The Office itself calls this “the tip of the iceberg”. OHCHR, 23 June 2026
838	victims at least: 539 women, 284 girls, 8 men and 7 boys. Almost a quarter of the cases involved gang rape. OHCHR, 23 June 2026
8.6m	people displaced inside Sudan, and more than 4 million who have fled the country. No displacement crisis in the world is larger. UN and ACHPR-AU Fact-Finding Missions, 13 April 2026
21m	people, nearly half the population, do not have enough to eat. More than 20 areas are in famine or at risk of it. UNICEF and UN OCHA, April 2026
20%	of the money needed for Sudan's 2026 humanitarian plan had arrived by April. UN News, May 2026

WHAT I CAN OFFER

Interview with DAR	**Today**	In English, French or Arabic, in Paris or remotely. On the record.
Op-ed signed by DAR	**By agreement**	800 words on a brief you set, exclusive in your market.
Two published articles	**Now**	Welcome to republish in full, as long as fully credited. English and Arabic, about 1,300 words each.
Briefing on three under-reported patterns	**On request**	People separated by ethnicity at checkpoints, displacement registration used to shut people out, and aid handed over in exchange for sex. I show you how to check each one independently.

I do not put journalists in touch with survivors, and I do not share anything that could identify them. This protects the women who speak to me.

QUOTES YOU CAN USE

> *“The Council is not being asked to invent a remedy. It is being asked not to switch off the one it already has.”*
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> *“The world has counted the attacks. It has not counted the desks. Somebody decided who was registered, and therefore who was treated, and therefore who lived.”*
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> — Dar al-Salam Wadaah, founder, DAR Talks

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