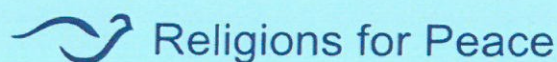


# Inter-Religious Council for Eastern Africa



## STATEMENT OF THE IRC-EA ON THE REOCCURENCE OF CONFLICTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN

**Monday, April 24, 2023**

### **For Immediate Release**

We, the Inter-Religious Council of Uganda, Inter Religious Council of South Sudan, the Inter Religious Council of Kenya, the Conseil National Des Religions Pour La Paix Rd-Congo, the Inter Faith Commission of Rwanda, Inter Religious Council of Burundi, the Inter Religious Council for Peace, Tanzania and Ethiopian Interfaith Forum for Development Dialogue and Action.

Re affirming our commitment for sustainable peace, democracy, security and development in Eastern Africa and especially in the Republic of Sudan.

Re affirming the need to respect fundamental human rights for all peoples as enshrined in the United Nations Declaration for Human Rights and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

In pursuit of building on the principles of Peace and dialogue found in the Holy Scriptures.

We are deeply concerned and troubled by the ongoing conflicts in the Republic of Sudan. The security situation and the escalating war in Sudan threatens the sanctity of human life, ordinary course of business and regional peace. In the past days, the clashes and fights between armed groups in the Republic of Sudan has led to the loss of hundreds of lives, massive displacement of civilians, destruction of property and key infrastructure.

Furthermore, we are greatly disturbed by the targeted killing of foreigners. Social media has been awash with photos of uniformed officers carrying out mob justice on people alleged to be foreigners.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. In the spirit of being our neighbours keeper, the Inter Religious Council for Eastern Africa will meet with the African Council of Religious leaders to discuss and agree on a framework on how to accompany our brothers and sisters in the Republic of Sudan, in their journey of restoring peace and democracy in the country.

2. We further call upon the armed forces caught up in conflict to embrace dialogue, exercise restraint and cease fire. We pray that those embroiled in conflicts will pursue peace, since Islam is a religion of peace. The Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) cautioned his followers that when two Muslims draw out swords at each other and subsequently one kills the other, both the aggressor and the victims earn divine punishment of hell.
3. We also pray for our brothers and sisters that feel aggrieved by this conflict that they will remind themselves of the teachings of Islam, take lawful steps in the Courts of law to seek redress and exercise tolerance as they all work towards restoring lasting peace in Sudan.
4. We additionally urge the neighbouring countries to provide refugee and a conducive environment for people running away from armed conflict.
5. Furthermore, as religious institutions we appreciate steps taken towards restoring a constitutional order in the Republic of Sudan. We urge the current military leadership in Sudan to fast track the implementation of the established Political Framework Agreement signed with civilian movements, for the resumption of a transitional government led by civilians.
6. We further call upon the International Community to reach out with Humanitarian assistance to those that have been affected by the conflict in Sudan.
7. We urge the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) to undertake immediate actions aimed at restoring peace and tranquility in the Republic of Sudan.

SIGNED at Kampala, for and on behalf of Inter Religious Council for Eastern Africa.



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