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## BAY AREA SUDANESE RALLY AGAINST VIOLENCE IN SUDAN

## \*\*\* LOCAL SUDANESE EXPERTS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW \*\*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, APRIL 18

WHO: Bay Area Sudanese Americans

WHAT: Rally to protest the vicious escalation of violence in Sudan

WHERE: San Francisco City Hall

WHEN: Sat April 22, 12pm-3pm

**WHY:** Fighting erupted in Sudan on Saturday as the army and paramilitary forces RSF clashed, leaving at least 330 people dead and more than 3,200 injured, according to the UN. The indiscriminate attacks are targeting residential neighborhoods and hospitals. Air strikes and militias roaming the streets are terrorizing families, who are having to flee their homes and cities in search of safety, food and water.

The international community & US have been ineffective. Sudanese American citizens are unable to evacuate.

Thousands of Sudanese living in the Bay Area are shocked and outraged, while trying to contact their families in Sudan to help.

"As Sudanese Americans, it is our right to denounce the violence and our duty to raise public awareness about the unfathomable situation in Sudan. We urge our local and national leaders to support us in our quest for the freedom and dignity that our people deserve," - Elharith Elrufaie, President- Sudanese Association of Northern California

The Sudanese diaspora is mobilizing through social media campaigns to coordinate safe escape routes, medical help, and fundraising.

\* FOR BACKGROUND ON SUDAN CRISIS\* SUDAN: WHY HAS VIOLENCE ERUPTED?- SKY NEWS SUDAN: WHY HAS FIGHTING BROKEN OUT THERE? - BBC