

Hello everyone,

The situation in Sudan as a whole continues to deteriorate, but Bishop Hassan has particularly asked for our prayers about the situation in Kadugli.

Originally the conflict there was between the army (SAF) and the Rapid Support Force (RSF), a militia. Then a third force, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (North) or SPLM(N) joined in. The SPLM(N) was involved in the previous civil war, and it appears to be trying to strengthen its position in any negotiations about the future of Sudan; beyond that we don't know what its aims are.

Bishop Hassan reports that SPLA (N) are surrounding Kadugli city in great numbers and with great force. It is likely the city will fall to them. The army are outnumbered and not being reinforced. It is quite likely that there will be great destruction in the city.

Bishop Hassan intends to stay in the vicinity to help the churches and if he has to get out of the city itself there is an area nearby where he thinks it might be possible to stay and still encourage the Christians there. He asks for our urgent prayers as a deanery for safety for the people in Kadugli.

On a personal note, Bishop Hassan also asks for prayer for his daughter who has malaria that she would recover. You will recall that across Sudan medicines are very difficult to come by.

Would you please add this to your prayers and to the prayers of your church.

Every blessing,

John Joy