

Kadugli Newsletter and Prayer Diary

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The War in Sudan

It is difficult to obtain reliable news from Sudan. The warring parties are keeping journalists out, cutting electricity and controlling wifi that is essential for communication within. Such news and trustworthy commentary as emerges is mostly cheerless and depressing.

The BBC reports the head of the United Nations children’s agency, Unicef, as saying Sudan is one of the worst places in the world for children. The pillars of Sudan's food economy have collapsed, and both warring parties - the Sudanese army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) - are restricting the delivery of desperately needed aid.

Children are at the sharp end of this hunger crisis: nine million don’t get enough to eat regularly, and nearly four million face acute malnutrition.

It is not just the children who are suffering. Earlier in June, the BBC spoke to a food security expert who said that by September, 70% of Sudan's population will be extremely hungry. This illustrates the relevance of Bishop Hassan’s request last month that we should pray for the rainy season that was beginning in the Nuba Mountains as it was the source of hope and food.



The principal warring forces continue to be the SAF and the RSF, though there are others. It has been alleged that they use starvation as a weapon of war; certainly there seems to be no thought for the millions of civilians suffering through this conflict. There are suggestions that the SAF is supported by Islamic militants who are believed to be opposed to the RSF.

There have been no recent reports from Kadugli about the war. We assume things continue as before, with scarcity of food, influx of people displaced from other areas of Sudan, and worries about family members who have gone on to seek refuge abroad. If there is not direct violence (something on which we have no recent information) the threat of it remains.

Spiritually, there are encouraging signs. We have reported before on the numerical growth of the church, and we have some reports of the growth of fellowship groups (see photo) in the Nuba Mountains. Let's continue to pray they will continue to prosper spiritually and in body. In this connection, our brothers and sisters in Kadugli genuinely care, are pleased and encouraged by our interest and prayers.

Prayer Diary

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Please continue to pray for:

- God to bring peace speedily to Sudan.
- The whole nation of Sudan, especially in Nuba Mountains, with the strong threat of famine, that God will provide the food and other basic materials they so much need.
- Families and relatives in camps and places in neighbouring countries
- The rainy season that it will bring a good harvest with hope and food for everyone in Nuba Mountains.
- The success of talks about relief through S. Sudan to Nuba Mountains.
- The church in Nuba Mountains, for the leaders to be guided by the Holy Spirit and to stay in God's will, especially in the Episcopal Church of Sudan, Kadugli Diocese.

Finally, please remember that that our prayerful support is a source of great encouragement to the church in Kadugli and throughout Sudan.

And Finally

An article from Salisbury's Grapevine:

Humanitarian Crisis in Sudan

Sudan is facing a humanitarian crisis and threat of mass starvation not seen since the Ethiopian famine 40 years ago, the United Nations has warned. In this diocese

we have an active partnership with the Sudans. If you would like to get involved in supporting the work in the Sudans or donate to the current crisis through the Link, do get in touch with the comms team.

Rev Canon Ian Woodward from our Sudan Link has sent this news update:

"As the tragedy of Sudan continues unabated, lost behind the news of Ukraine and Gaza, many of you will know that our partnership with the Episcopal Church of Sudan – the North – is shared with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Leeds. It is a fruitful relationship in which we have helped relocate Archbishop Ezekiel from the dangers of Khartoum to the relative peace of Port Sudan of the Red Sea Coast whilst at the same time we continue together to help resource the mission of the Province and 'Make Jesus known' through the Archbishop's leadership.

"The Leeds bishops Nick Baines and Toby Howarth have written and broadcast about their recent experiences. Archbishop Justin Welby has also called for peace and prayers. Talking to Abp Ezekiel in Port Sudan yesterday, amidst the chaos particularly in El Fasher in Darfur where the RSF continue to wage what is tantamount to genocide, Abp Kondo was as inspired as ever to support his people and expressed his gratitude for our encouragement in supporting him. Food is still the great need to prevent mass starvation but so of course is peace and yesterday the UN Security Council clashed over the alleged support provided by other countries to the RSF. There is a real risk of Sudan being divided yet again if SAF (Sudan Government Forces) are unable to counter the RSF."