

# Current Intelligence Report Circular

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## Western countries criticize arrest of Sudanese officials by military regime

On 08 FEB, Khalid Omer Yousif and Wagdi Salih were detained “based on clear criminal suspicion”, according to Sudan’s military regime. They were connected to the overthrow of the regime of Omar al-Bashir, and joined the civilian administration that succeeded him. They also belong to the Forces of Freedom and Change (FFC), a grass-roots group that aspires to bring about a democratic government in Sudan. Mohammed al-Faki Suliman, a former member of the Sovereign Council (SC), was also detained by security forces in Sudan’s capital, Khartoum. These recent arrests have drawn the attention of the United States, Britain, Canada, Norway, Switzerland, and the European Union. They have criticized Sudan’s military forces for their handling of the current political crisis. The United States is continuing to withhold financial assistance from Sudan due to how the current military regime is operating. The African Union Chairman, Moussa Faki Mahamat, held talks with the head of the SC, General Abdel-Fattah Burhan, about the current regime. Burhan has stated that elections for a newly formed administration will take place in July 2023. END

### CMCD Note

Yousif and Salih are only two of many being arrested by the SC. In the past month, the SC has intensified its legal and illegal detentions, and has re-established the General Intelligence Service (GIS), which was used by the al-Bashir regime. The GIS was used to capture dissenters and protestors who opposed the al-Bashir regime. These individuals were kept in “Ghost Houses” (secret prisons), without their families knowing of their whereabouts. The United Nations Human Rights Council is still waiting for the third national report from Sudan, and has stressed that the SC needs to improve the state of human rights and make efforts to promote and protect human rights. No effort towards improving this situation will result in further international sanctions. Lastly, the SC is targeting major figures in the more well-known resistance committees like the FFC, who were instrumental in the overthrow of the al-Bashir regime.

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