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360 days after the eruption of Sudanese War in April 15, 2023, battels escalated in Al-Fashir North Darfur State. This development occurred after Darfur Armed Movements signatories to Juba peace agreement switch position and declared to fight beside the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF). In return to that, the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), encircled Al Fashir since May 10, 2024, after taking full control of Milleet town in Northern Darfur State in April 14, 2024. Clashes in and out of Al Fashir resulted into massive displacement of around 328,981 civilians, according to IOM Displacement Matrix. On other side, and due to military operations around Al Fashir on 10 – 19 of June 2024, about 346 people were killed and 2,200 injured, said Dr. Mohamed Abdalla Khatir, the General Director of Ministry of Health in North Darfur State.

In [a report posted by Medical San Frontiers- MSF in June 14, 2024](#), on 10 – 11 of June 2024, the number of wounded persons reported at the Southern and Al-Saudi hospitals have reached 1,418, while 226 people recorded dead.

## **Health INFRASTRUCTURE:**

According to SalaaMedia investigations, Al-Fashir host about 28 governmental and private sector health facility (14 hospitals and 14 medical centers as well). The known hospitals are Al Fashir Teaching Hospital which include eye clinic, emergency, ICU and pediatrics. In addition to the Saudi hospital, Jebel Mara, Dialysis Center, Babiker Nahar, the Southern Hospital, the Military Hospital, Nabed Elhayat and Children Specialized Hospital, among other 14 medical centers; Sayed Alshohadaa, Nutrition Center, Alzahara, Hay El Nasr, Hay Eljamaa, African Medical Labrotories, Isolation Center, Sultan, Family Care, Tampasi, Dar Alafia etc.

In July 27, 2024, the [UN news reported for WHO](#), that health infrastructures in Sudan were bombed 51 times by both warring parties during the first three months of the conflict (15 April to 24 of July 2023). As a result to the clashes between RSF against SAF and its allied Darfur Armed Movements, hospitals were severely damaged, with seven main hospitals in Al-Fashir directly bombed either by heavy artillery or aerial bombardment since May 10, 2024. The same happened to Babikr Nahar Hospital on May 11, 2024, in addition to the bombardment of Sayed Alshohadaa Medical Center and Nutrition Center that put most of the medical service facilities out of service.

The same above mentioned report MFS cited that; among the three main operating hospitals in Al Fashir, Al-Saudi Hospital was the only operational facility after Babikr Nahar had been bombed on May 11, 2024, when SAF launched an aerial strike 50 meters away from the hospital premises.

The Southern Hospital was also attacked by mortar artillery many times since May 24, 2024, which resulted in the death of two persons and 14 others were injured. Such occurrences pushed MSF and the State Ministry of Health to evacuate inpatients from the hospital. MSF also reported that; they moved obstetrics and gynecology services to its field hospital in Zamzam Camp 15 kilometers south-west of Al-Fashir, after the complete shut-down of the Southern Hospital for being attacked and looted by RSF, who fired bullets inside the hospital on June 8, 2024.

However, under the same circumstances of shelling, Al-Saudi Hospital remained the only operational health facility in Al Fashir, despite the total damage of the water system and power distributor, with partial damage on the solar system. Even the surgery room windows and staff residence were damaged, said Dr. Modathir Ibrahim Suleman to Radio Tamazuj, 21st of May 2024. [MSF official page on X platform](#) confirmed that Al-Saudi hospital was again targeted by RSF artillery at 11:00 am on Thursday June 27, 2024, marking the ninth time that the hospital being targeted since May 10, this year. Fortunately, there were no casualties reported, although the hospital has been significantly damaged. A report posted by [Darfur Network for Human Rights DNHR on June 24, 2024](#), also confirmed the attacks on Al-Saudi Hospital on June 21, 2024. The same report indicated that; on June 23, 2024 RSF troops bombarded the Dialysis Center at the center of Al Fashir. In the same line, Dr. Ibrahim Abdalla Khatir, the General Director of Ministry of Health in North Darfur State said on June 27, 2024 that; the battles in Al- Fashir since last May have put all hospitals out of service, except Al-Saudi Hospital, which has become the only hospital receiving surgical cases, including orthopedics, gynecology and obstetrics.

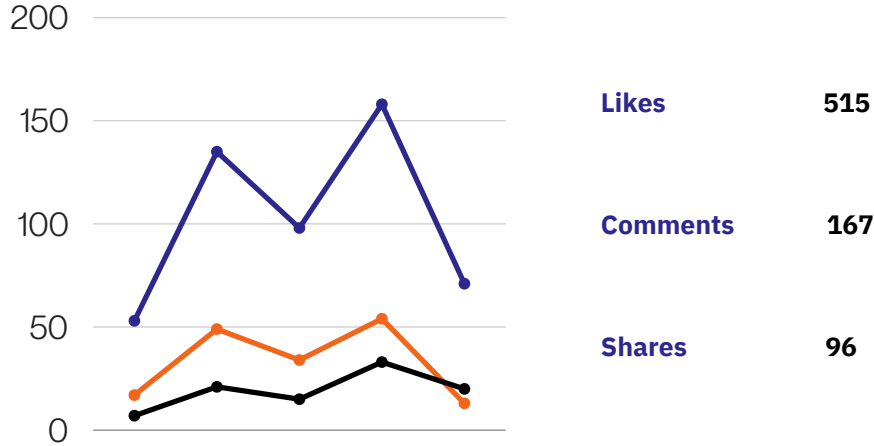
## **DOMESTIC REACTIONS**

The Coordination Body of Resistance Committees of Al Fashir published [on their Facebook page on June 24, 2024](#), records of frequent attacks on health service faculties. Together with other organizations working in health service, they stated that the health facilities is completely out of service due to devastating situation imposed by the war. Nevertheless, the rate of casualties is increasing rapidly; medical staff are fleeing the town and in addition to shortage drugs and medical supplies.

However, SalamMedia did not recorded any responses from RSF in-return to the accusations by Mini Arko Minawi, the Governor of Darfur, in regards to the attacks on Al Fashir medical infrastructure.

## **AL FASHIR'S RESISTANCE COMMITTEES ANALYSIS**

Facebook followers interacted the most, on bombardment targeted Jebel Marra Hospital and Iqra Clinic. Facebook followers were commenting on posts by Al- Fashir Resistance Committees between late June 23 to July 02, 2024.



**Facebook posts by Al Fashir Resistance Committees**



**Facebook posts by the Minister of Health - Darfur Region**



## INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

According to [UN News, on 13, June 2024](#), the United Nation Security Council issued a resolution calling RSF to lift sieging Al Fashir. However, the [UN news](#) quoted the Dr. Tedros Gebryesos, the Director of WHO saying, the attacks on the only operating Gynecology Hospital in Al Fashir was horrible. WHO Director through his page on X platform, called for the two warring parties to protect women and children in all times and provide them with safe access to medical care.

The European Union- EU on [June 24, 2024, issued sanctions](#) against the SAF's Air Force Commander, Gen. Al-Tahir Mohamed Al-Awad, among other six personnel from SAF and RSF for their roles in undermining the stability and political transition of Sudan



Image: United Nations News website

However, civilians in Northern Darfur remain helpless while facing difficulties in getting basic medical services due to the prolonging of war and random shelling.