

FOCUSED FLASH ALERT: CONFLICT IN AJ JAZIRAH STATE

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CONTEXT

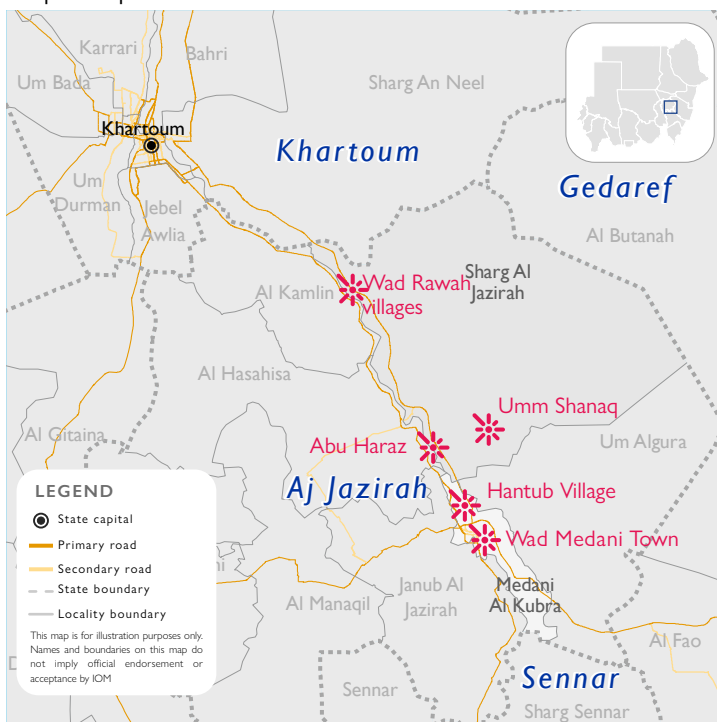
Since 15 December 2023, DTM monitored the eruption of [a series of armed clashes between the Sudanese Armed Forces \(SAF\) and the Rapid Support Forces \(RSF\) across Medani Al Kubra and Sharg Aj Jazirah localities in Aj Jazirah state](#). According to DTM field teams, clashes triggered widespread displacement across Aj Jazirah state. This event followed the RSF attack on Abu Qutah Village of Al Hasahisa locality, Aj Jazirah, on the previous day. Notably, the first clashes in Aj Jazirah were reported on 21 April 2023 across multiple locations in [Al Kamlin locality](#).

The recent clashes were initially observed by the field team in the locations of [Umm Shanaq and Wad Rawah Villages of Sharg Aj Jazirah locality](#) in the Eastern areas of the state,

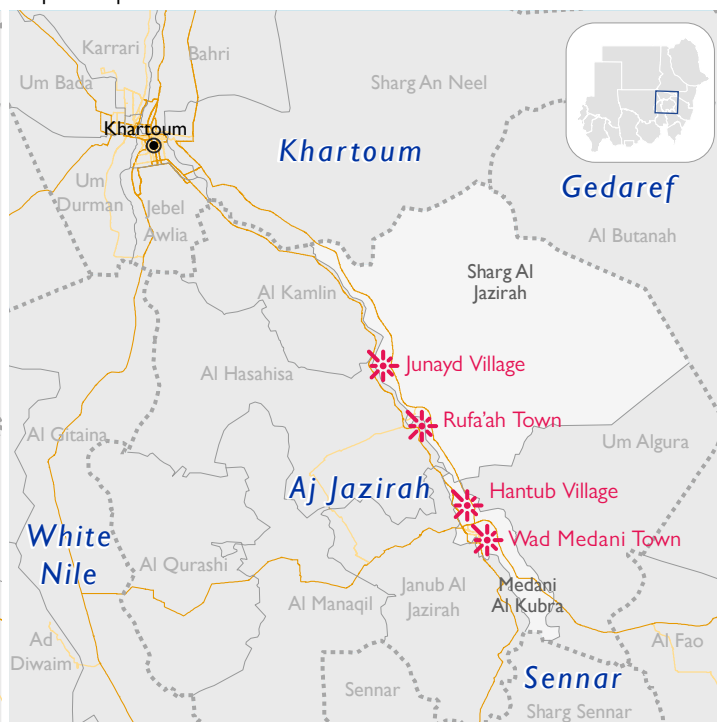
as well as in [Abu Haraz, Al Qouz, and Hantub Villages](#) of Medani Al Kubra, Aj Jazirah, a few kilometers from Wad Medani Town, the capital of Aj Jazirah state.

A few hours after the early morning attack on 15 December 2023, clashes spread to the eastern side of [Wad Medani Town](#) of Medani Al Kubra locality, affecting the locations of Engaz, Hantub, Alriyad, Almalkiya, and Alteklat neighbourhoods among others. On 18 December 2023, [the field team reported that the conflict expanded to western neighbourhoods in Wad Medani Town, and also recorded incidents of clashes in Rufa'ah Town and Junayd village of Sharg Aj Jazirah locality](#).

Map 1: Reported Locations of Clashes on 15 December 2023



Map 2: Reported Locations of Clashes on 18 December 2023



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Pre - 15 December 2023

Prior to the eruption of the clashes on 15 December 2023, [DTM Sudan estimated that 524,919 IDPs sought refuge within Aj Jazirah as of 13 December 2023](#) – with the vast majority reportedly displaced from Khartoum state (>99%) and less than 1 per cent who originated from Aj Jazirah. The majority of IDPs congregated in Al Hasahisa (17%), Medani Al Kubra (16%), Al Kamlin (16%), Sharg Al Jazirah (16%), and Al Qurashi (10%) localities.

Post - 15 December 2023: Affected IDPs

As of December 2023, approximately 509,796 individuals were affected by the clashes in Aj Jazirah. Of those, DTM Sudan estimated that approximately 275,796 IDPs, 54 per cent of the total affected individuals, were subjected to first-time displacement, originating from of Medani Al Kurba and Sharg Aj Jazirah localities, Aj Jazirah state.

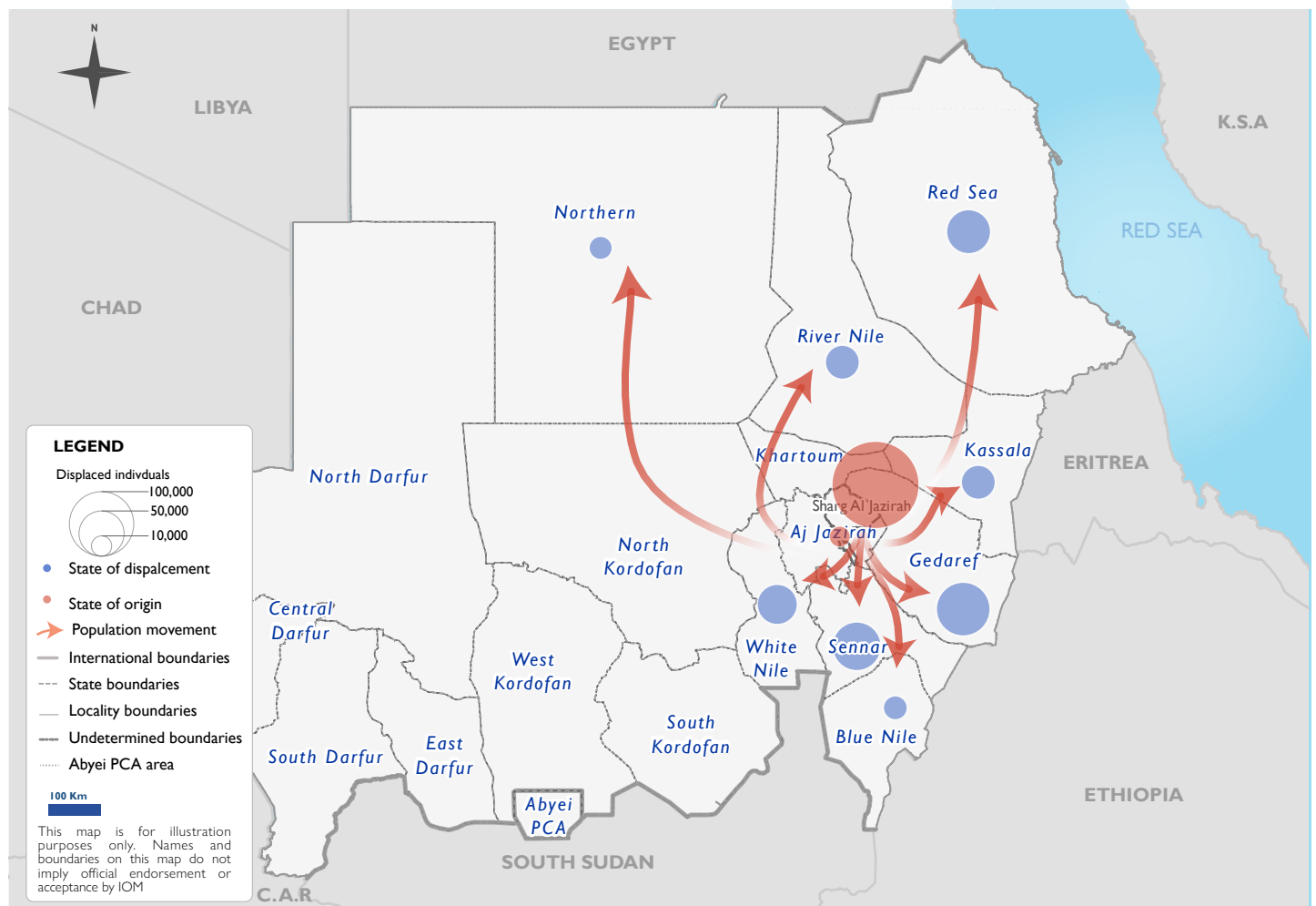
Approximately 234,000 IDPs, 46 per cent of the total affected individuals, had previously sought refuge in Aj Jazirah from Khartoum state and experienced secondary displacement following the outbreak of violence in Aj Jazirah on 15 December 2023. Additionally, field teams noted that 380 locations formerly occupied by about 152,420 IDPs were empty in Sharg Al Jazirah, Medani Al Kubra, Al Hasahisa, Janub Al Jazira, Al Kamlin, and Um Algura. These locations included 133 schools, 24 sheltering centers, 35 villages, and 50 neighbourhoods.

While many affected IDPs reportedly refuged in other safe locations within Aj Jazirah (approximately 205,460 IDPs), the field team reported that 60 per cent of the total affected individuals – representing 304,336 IDPs – fled to other states across Sudan. Arriving IDPs were observed across Gedaref (64,551 IDPs), Sennar (60,000 IDPs), Red Sea (50,035 IDPs), White Nile (40,750 IDPs), River Nile (30,000 IDPs), Kassala (30,000 IDPs), Blue Nile (15,000 IDPs), and Northern (14,000 IDPs) states.

Current Caseload in Aj Jazirah

DTM field teams estimated that Aj Jazirah state hosted an estimated total of 504,620 IDPs as of 27 December 2023. Of those, approximately 165,721 IDPs (33% of the total caseload) originated from Aj Jazirah state due to the recent clashes – the majority (78%) of whom were observed across locations in Al Qurashi, Al Manaqil, Janub Al Jazirah, Al Hassahisa, and Um Algura localities. Additionally, Aj Jazirah hosted about 337,667 IDPs (67% of the total caseload) from Khartoum – representing a decrease of about 185,595 IDPs since [Weekly Displacement Snapshot 14](#). Notably, the total number of IDPs in the conflict-affected localities (Medani Al Kubra and Sharg Aj Jazirah) now represents less than 13 per cent.

Map 3: IDPs' locations in Aj Jazirah and arrivals across Sudan



Disclaimer: Due to the current circumstances, the DTM network is relying on remote interviews with key informants and further verification is not possible at this time. For more granular information on the IDP caseload and the displacement context, please see IOM-DTM's [Monthly Displacement Overview \(04\)](#).