FOCUSED FLASH ALERT: CONFLICT IN AL FASHER, NORTH DARFUR STATE DISPLACEMENT DATA REPORTING DATE: 17 APRIL 2024



DISPLACEMENT AND RECENT CLASHES IN NORTH DARFUR

Since 01 April 2024, DTM Sudan monitored several clashes in multiple locations across AI Fasher locality, in North Darfur state.

Clashes between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) renewed across <u>Al Fasher</u> <u>Town of Al Fasher locality</u>, <u>Kebkabiya Town of Kebkabiya</u> <u>locality</u>, and <u>Kutum Town of Kutum locality</u> on 01 April 2024, displacing an estimated 500 individuals (100 households).

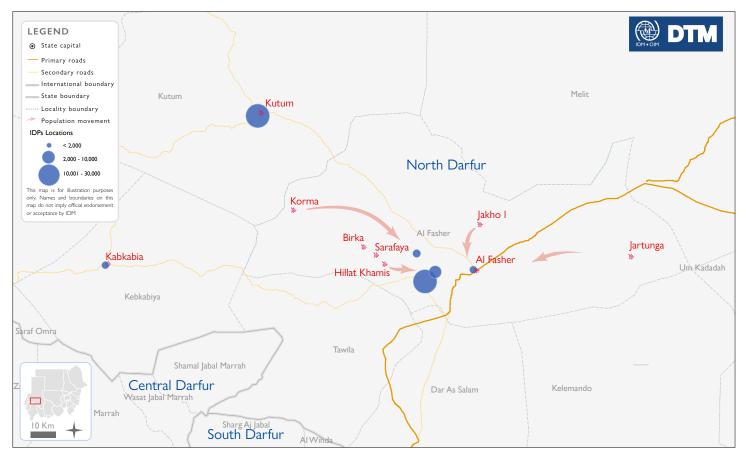
In addition, DTM monitored attacks on <u>Korma, Jonjona</u> <u>and Sarafaya villages</u> linked to tribal conflict between 02 and 04 April 2024. The attacks led to the displacement of approximately 3,815 individuals (763 households) across various locations in Al Fasher locality.

Field teams observed additional clashes due to tribal conflict on 13 April 2024 in <u>Birka, Sarafaya, Hillat Khamis,</u> Jakho I, and Jartouna villages across Al Fasher locality, North Darfur. The clashes reportedly displaced approximately 34,350 individuals (6,870 households). Affected households were primarily displaced to other locations within Al Fasher locality. Field teams noted that an estimated 9,500 individuals (1,900 households) displaced from Jakho I village were originally displaced from Tawila locality in mid-June 2023 and therefore experienced secondary displacement due to the recent clashes.

Finally, field teams observed additional clashes between SAF and RSF in <u>Al Fasher town</u> from 14 April to 16 April 2024. The clashes reportedly displaced approximately 1,950 individuals (390 households) across Al Fasher locality. Households were displaced primarily from northern and eastern neighbourhoods of Al Fasher Town.

An estimated total of 40,615 individuals (approximately 8,123 households) were displaced in Al Fasher locality, North Darfur between 1 and 16 April 2024 due to the clashes described above, as noted in corresponding DTM Early Warning Flash alerts.*

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Map 1: Location of Reported Clashes and Resulting Displacement, 01 April -18 April 2024

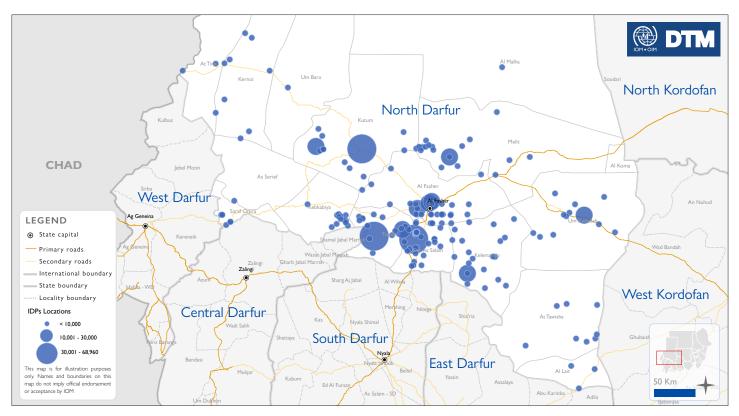
*DTM Sudan regularly publishes Early Warning Flash Alerts to provide updates on specific armed clashes or incidents that spurred displacement. Since 15 April 2023, DTM published 208 Early Warning Flash Alerts, usually within 24 to 48 hours of an incident. Please see following page for the most recent estimates of figures on total displacement across North Darfur state.

BROADER CONTEXT

While North Darfur remained an epicentre of clashes since the outbreak of conflict on 15 April 2023, field teams observed a sharp escalation of clashes and displacement beginning in January 2024. Since 01 January 2024, DTM released 17 Early Warning Flash Alerts focused on Al Fasher locality, representing over 60 per cent of the total flash alerts pertaining to Al Fasher locality since the eruption of conflict on 15 April 2023.¹

In January 2024, clashes were observed across <u>AI Fasher</u>, <u>Kutum</u>, and <u>Melit</u> localities.² Field teams reported four incidents in <u>AI Fasher</u> and one in <u>Um Kadadah</u> in February 2024,³ and three incidents in <u>AI Fasher</u> and two incidents across <u>AI Fasher</u>, <u>Kebkabiya, and Kutum</u> localities during March 2024.⁴

Notably, the majority (69%) of DTM Early Warning Flash Alerts pertaining to conflict and displacement in North Darfur state focused on Al Fasher locality specifically.⁵



Map 2: Reported Displacement in North Darfur state, as of 17 April 2024

DISPLACEMENT DATA IN NORTH DARFUR

As of 17 April 2024, North Darfur state hosted an estimated 570,183 IDPs. over one third (approximately 36%, or 204,438 IDPs) were reportedly hosted in AI Fasher locality.

In addition, approximately 606,673 IDPs originated from North Darfur state, representing nine per cent of the total population

of IDPs displaced in Sudan since 15 April 2023. Approximately 87 per cent of IDPs in North Darfur were displaced from locations within North Darfur. An estimated 235,147 IDPs originated from AI Fasher locality specifically.

Disclaimer: Due to the current circumstances, the DTM network is relying on a combination of in-person and remote interviews with key informants. All figures should be understood as preliminary estimates, pending further verification. For more granular information on displacement and mobility in Sudan, see: <u>One Year of Conflict in Sudan</u>: <u>Visualizing the World's Largest Displacement Crisis</u>. For more information on DTM methodology, see: <u>DTM</u> <u>Methodological Note</u>.

- 1. DTM Sudan published 27 flash alerts related to incidents in Al Fasher locality since 15 April 2023, 17 of which were published since 01 January 2024.
- 2. For further information: Conflict in Al Fasher Update 010 and Update 011; Conflict in Kutum (Al Zurug Village) Update 001; and Conflict in Melit (Melit Town), North Darfur Update 001.
- 3. For further information: Conflict in AI Fasher (AI Fasher Town) Update 012, Update 013, Update 014, and Update 015; and Conflict in Um Kadadah (Um Kadah Town) Update 002.
- 4. For further information: Conflict in Al Fasher (Al Fasher Town) Update 016, Update 017, and Update 018; and Conflict in Al Fasher, Kebkabiya, and Kutum Localities Update 019 and Update 020
- 5. Since 15 April 2023, DTM Sudan published 39 Early Warning Flash Alerts pertaining to conflict-related incidents that triggered displacement in North Darfur. Of these, 27 flash alerts focused on incidents in Al Fasher locality specifically.