

# Sudan's Darfur at risk of new genocide

Fears of genocidal violence gripping Darfur once again are rising after the famine-stricken town of al-Fashir is overrun by the rebel paramilitary *Rapid Support Forces*, with hundreds feared dead



■ Rapid Support Forces (RSF) backed by UAE. Leader **Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo**, known as **Hemedti** (right), declares investigation into "violations" committed by his soldiers. Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), led by **Abdel Fattah al-Burhan** (left), is backed by Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Türkiye



Areas of control  
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SAF



RSF



Other groups

Pro-SAF rebels



Pro-RSF rebels

**Al Fashir: 18-month siege of city**

EGYPT

River Nile

200km

125 miles

LIBYA

Mostly uninhabited

Karb al Toum

Al Atrun

CHAD

DARFUR REGION

S U D A N

Khartoum

Kassala

ERITREA

ETHIOPIA

Nyala

Babanusa

El Obeid

Wad Madani

Ad Damazin

Port Sudan

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■ Over two years of war has triggered the world's largest humanitarian crisis, with 12 million displaced and more than 25 million in need of aid