

Calling for a Peaceful Resolution of the Sudan Conflict

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Hello, dear HWPL peace family around the world.

First of all, I'd like to extend my greetings to Chairman Lee Man-hee and all HWPL members around the world in achieving a peaceful world. My name is Gamal Suliman Abdelrhman, assistant professor and dean at the Culture of Peace Institute Sudan University of Science and Technology.

When I witnessed HWPL members working, it touched me deeply, leading me to join this noble journey. The HWPL team has conducted a 'Peace Advocates Workshop' in Darfur, where tribe leaders, women peace activists, politicians, and youth gathered together to discuss what project would be proper to promote peace in Sudan.

As Darfur has a history of a long term conflict among different ethnic groups, all attending leaders shared a common desire for peace, which gives us hope that peace can be achieved if such meetings continue. One of the leaders said, "Neither the government nor the UN has organized such an event, so I'm grateful that an organization like HWPL is working for peace in Sudan."

Currently, the Sudan conflict has lasted over 150 days since it broke out in April. And about 2 million people have fled, causing massive internal displacement. There are thousands of innocent civilian deaths, critical health and hunger crises and more.

Dear HWPL family, the ongoing Sudan conflict enables us to realize the importance of DPCW in Sudan and also, across the globe.

One of the HWPL members, a medical student, has been providing medical services for the injured since this war broke out. She states, "I strongly believe that DPCW is crucial for Sudan. Weapons should no longer be used against innocent civilians. I think that can be possible through the adoption of DPCW as an international law to guarantee disarmament and prevention of genocide."

Respected leaders around the world, please remember you are uniquely well-placed to encourage a culture of peace. So, I urge you to support DPCW at the national level. The current world needs a comprehensive international law that can put an end to wars.

We should remember that we are not eternal owners of this earth, but will have to pass down this earth to our descendants.

To conclude, I ask for the international community's interest in the peaceful resolution of Sudan's situation because we are one in peace.

