

## Statement

The Society for the Study of the Sudans UK (SSSUK) notes with sadness and alarm the ongoing extreme violence in Sudan, where infighting between military factions has caused the death of many innocent civilians and threatens the destruction of the cultural heritage and institutions throughout the country, including desperately needed healthcare facilities.

SSSUK is a non-governmental charitable organisation with a Sudanese, South Sudanese and international membership; our members seek to make the history and rich culture of Sudan and South Sudan better known and understood.

Our Society stands back from engagement in politics, but the combatants' complete disregard for the lives and property of civilians across Sudan and the real threat of the war spreading further demand a concerted international response. Therefore, we join the United Nations and peaceful Sudanese people around the world in calling for an immediate ceasefire to enable a return to civilian government of the country. This is a time to unite to remember all that is good about Sudan and to hope, work and pray for a better future.

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