

Statement: Marking 2 Years of the Armed Conflict in Sudan

As these days mark the second year since the start of the armed conflict in Sudan, Japan shares with the Sudanese people the sincere wishes that a third one, while the conflict continues, will not be in the future of the country.

This conflict led to devastating consequences and crises of deaths, injuries, atrocities, detentions, destruction, forced displacement, famine, Gender-Based Violence, insecurity, disruption of education and livelihood activities, obliteration of the Sudanese infrastructure, affecting every single aspect of the Sudanese people's lives. The Sudanese people have already suffered enough, yet as the conflict continues only more parties are engaged, more atrocities are committed, and further fragmentations and national divisions are appearing.

Japan and its people are deeply concerned to witness these horrendous manifestations of the conflict and the consequent suffering of every Sudanese child, and person. Thus, we, full-heartedly and firmly, ask all involved parties to stop the fighting and engage, in good faith, in dialogue and peace negotiations.

We know from our own history that social harmony is priceless and irreplaceable as a first step towards stability and development.

And from this perspective Japan sincerely encourages all the Sudanese parties and people to overcome power struggles and hatred, to treat each other, not only as they want to be treated, but as they want theirs to be treated. Targeting civilian spaces and conduction of summary execution are strategies that only lead to-hard-to-heal wounds and fragile stability, if any. Dignity, security, legal and social justice, equality, and prosperity are the right of every Sudanese person, but war is not the way to obtain them. War only leads to hiding these rights behind the more urgent needs of food security, livelihood, and survival.

A peaceful, unified, free of hate-acts and hate-speech, Sudan, is the only triumphant Sudan Japan sees and considers capable of reaching Sudan's long awaited prosperity.

Japan remains committed to Sudan and its people, as it has always been, and now offers various humanitarian aid to address Sudan's urgent needs. But it cannot wait to offer different kinds of developmental aid to help the country back on its feet as soon as the guns are silenced.

In this light, we demand all internal and external actors to refrain from continuing, or aiding, these senseless clashes, and bring an end to this war.

Japan will never give up hope regarding the future of Sudan, and it commits to helping our Sudanese peers to head towards the bright future the country and its people deserve.

We reiterate from our country's own historical experience, that there is no military solution, and that only peace can achieve prosperity and development.