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UN Human Rights Council: Strengthen Sudan Monitoring

From Monday 16 September until Friday 20 September Amnesty International delegates will be in Geneva attending side events around the United Nations Human Rights Council. They will be calling on the body to extend and strengthen the mandate of the independent expert on the human rights situation in [Sudan](#).

Amnesty International was part of a group of 20 international organizations who wrote to diplomats at the opening of the council's 24th session last week. You can read the letter here: [letter](#).

The groups urged the council to condemn repeated attacks on civilians, in violation of international human rights and humanitarian law, and to make clear recommendations to end these and other violations, and to hold those responsible to account. The council should strengthen the independent expert's mandate to monitor and report publicly on these serious violations, the groups said.

Sudanese government forces have been carrying out indiscriminate aerial bombardments and ground attacks in civilian areas and have failed to protect civilians from violence in Darfur, Southern Kordofan, and Blue Nile states. The result has been the loss of civilian life, destruction of their livelihoods, and displacement of hundreds of thousands of civilians in 2013 alone.

Across the country, the Sudanese government has repressed basic rights and freedoms through arbitrary detention of perceived critics and opponents of the ruling party and by stifling independent media and nongovernmental groups. <http://www.hrw.org/africa/sudan>

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