

Dangerous Standoff between TMC and Opposition in Sudan

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Yesterday, the political situation in Sudan worsened. The negotiations between the Transitional Military Council (TMC) and the Sudanese Professionals Association (SPA) is about to reach a dead-end. The Bashir National Congress Party clique in the TMC does not want to transfer power to civilian rule. The TMC's only intention is to disperse the protesters even if using force under the pretext of opening roads to allow freedom of movement and security of people and their belongings. The TMC blamed the protesters for attacking the Popular Congress Party at a meeting on April 27. Yesterday some unidentified people wearing military uniforms attacked a broadcasting station with the objective of causing damage so that the TMC can put the blame on protesters. However,

opposition youths defended and pushed back the assailants.

Some people accused the former Bashir regime and TMC of organizing the assailants to disrupt security and cause confusion to allow the TMC to use force to disperse protesters. So, the current situation in Sudan is serious, if the regime uses force against peaceful protesters. The TMC uses the ongoing negotiations to kill time and find ways to retain its grip on power and disperse the protesters. Mohamed Hamdan Dogolo (Hemeti) calling for Sharia and requested to hold demonstrations against the ongoing protest. However, the Director of Police refused to give him an authorization. The protesters' sit-in rejected the idea of Islamic Sharia. However, the Vice Chairman of the TMC , Hemeti Commander of RSF/stated that Sharia is a red line; meaning that he is against anyone rejecting Islamic Sharia law.

One example of the Sharia extremism that Hemeti supports is Dr Abdel Hay Youssef. He is a Sudanese Islamic preacher. He is a member of Muslim Brotherhood, Imam of Former President Bashir's mosque and a member of Sudanese Islamic Religious Association. Youssef is a supporter of ISIS. He also issues Fatwas to kill Jews. He said in one of his video clips that if one wears an explosive belt and explodes killing many Israelis, God will raise his soul high in paradise.

The refusal to hand over power to civilians is an indication the TMC is the nothing more than continuation of the Bashir regime. That is why protesters in Khartoum are building barricades to oppose Hemeti and the TMC.



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