



July 15, 2026

His Excellency Sir Christian Turner KCMG CVO
Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the United States
Embassy of the United Kingdom
3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Turner,

I am writing on behalf of DAWN (Democracy for the Arab World Now), the Jamal Khashoggi legacy organization working to promote human rights and democracy in the Middle East, to ask the United Kingdom to halt all arms transfers, re-export authorizations, and security cooperation with the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The UAE is the main external sponsor of the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) that has been committing war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide in Sudan.

On February 19, 2026, the UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan [found](#) that the RSF committed acts of genocide against the Zaghawa and Fur. The RSF seized El Fasher on October 26, 2025, after an 18-month siege. At least 59,000 have been [killed](#) and more than 14 million [displaced](#), according to the UN.

The UAE arms and finances the RSF. A UN Panel of Experts [traced](#) UAE supply routes to the RSF through Chad and Libya.

The Guardian has [reported](#) that British-made components have turned up in RSF hands in Sudan. The United Kingdom supplies 0.8 percent of the UAE's arms, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

International law and treaty obligations prohibit continued arms transfers to the UAE. The Genocide Convention, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948, [prohibits](#) complicity in genocide under Article III(e) and [obligates](#) all States Parties to prevent genocide under Article I. The Arms Trade Treaty, [adopted](#) by the UN General Assembly in 2013 and ratified by the United Kingdom in 2014, [requires](#) states to maintain a national arms control system under Article 5, prohibits any transfer that would be used to commit genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, or that would violate a UN Security Council embargo under Article 6, requires an assessment of the risk that arms will be used to commit serious violations before any export under Article 7, and requires concrete measures to prevent diversion under Article 11. Arms transfers to the UAE also violate the UN Security Council arms embargo on Sudan's Darfur

region, [established](#) by Resolution 1556 (2004), which [binds](#) all UN member states under Article 25 of the UN Charter.

Continued transfers are also prohibited by Britain's Export Control Act 2002, which [bars](#) exports that carry a clear risk of diversion to an undesirable end-user.

We ask the United Kingdom to:

1. Halt all arms transfers, re-export authorizations, and security cooperation with the UAE until it ends its support for the RSF and other grave abuses across the region.
2. Support UN Security Council action to expand the International Criminal Court investigation in Sudan and expand the Darfur arms embargo to all of Sudan.
3. Support an emergency special session of the UN General Assembly on the UAE's role in Sudan.

We welcome the chance to discuss this further.

Respectfully,

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