

Siham Hassan Husballah was murdered on October 26, 2025, in El-Fasher, Sudan. Siham was killed while providing humanitarian aid at a local soup kitchen. This was a politically motivated, genocidal femicide!

Husballah was a Sudanese human rights activist and politician. From 2016 to 2019, she served two terms as a member of the Sudanese National Council, representing her region of Darfur. She was a member of the Justice and Liberation Party and was elected to parliament in 2016, making her the youngest person ever elected in Sudan's history. Husballah served two terms as a member of parliament before parliament was dissolved following the 2019 military coup. During her time as a member of parliament, she advocated for the people of Darfur, drew attention to the ongoing violence in the region, and asked government ministers urgent questions about the situation there, referring to ongoing "abhorrent and flagrant human rights violations."

Siham was a vocal advocate for the rights of women, youth, and civil society in Darfur and throughout Sudan. After leaving parliament, Hassan returned to El-Fasher, where she ran a takaya, a community kitchen that fed the city's hungry, especially after the outbreak of the Sudanese civil war in 2023.

She was part of the grassroots movement of the Sudanese people that had formed since 2019 and was pushing for the liberation of Sudan through strikes, large demonstrations, and self-organization in neighborhood committees.

The murder of Siham and over two thousand others in El Fasher is a massacre and ethnic cleansing. Moreover, the entire war has the character of a counterrevolution against the aspirations of the Sudanese people to liberate themselves and build a future side by side, regardless of religion, ethnic group, or origin.

Siham and many others were murdered at the end of October 2025 by the paramilitary group RSF when they took the city of El Fasher. The RSF is competing with the Sudanese National Army (SNA) for leadership of the country and economic interests.

However, the RSF is not just any unit, but the successor organization to the Janjaweed, which committed genocide in Darfur in 2003/2004. It changed its name in 2013, and by 2015, the RSF was already being significantly funded by the EU to prevent migrants from continuing their journey to Libya and from there to Europe. Today, it is mainly supported by the United Arab Emirates. The kingdom, which is allied with the West, is a leader in the exploitation of African resources and the suppression of progressive movements, and is therefore an important player behind the scenes in war, displacement, and genocide in many conflicts. In Sudan, its interest lies in the mining and smuggling of gold from Darfur abroad, which the RSF controls for it.

The RSF uses sexual violence as one of its most important weapons of war, with millions of women and children potentially at risk and hundreds of thousands already affected.

Women like Siham fought their entire lives for dignity, freedom, and justice in Sudan under the most adverse conditions. They have been the driving force behind the resistance since 2019. Quite a few of them had to give their lives for this cause.

Rest in peace and strength, Siham.

Thank you for everything.