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SPEECH TRANSCRIPT

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate and the most Merciful  
To the Great Sudanese People,  
To Our Brothers and Sisters in the Region and the International Community.

Our people are suffering from the horrors of the fighting between the warring parties in civilian areas. Innocent people endure indiscriminate shelling and bombardment of explosive barrels that do not distinguish between military and civilian targets, widespread sexual violence, child recruitment, cholera, dengue fever, and other epidemics.

This war has displaced over 12 million individuals, with twice that number facing severe hunger, and around 26 million people in urgent need of humanitarian aid. Moreover, the healthcare and education systems have completely collapsed, infrastructure and livelihoods have been destroyed. International organizations have classified this as the largest humanitarian disaster in modern times.

Amidst this catastrophic situation terrorist groups and lawless extremist militias have found an open gateway, committing heinous atrocities under the guise of jihad. The fire that burns Sudan today will not remain within its borders; they could become one of the greatest threats to regional and global peace and security.

I address you at the beginning of Ramadan. It is the third Ramadan, since the war began, that our people are deprived from the spiritualities of this holy month. I speak to you on behalf of those who have opposed the war since its outbreak, refusing to take sides and instead striving for peace and an end to this devastating tragedy.

This war is not merely a conflict between two military forces; it reflects deeply rooted structural imbalances that have plagued our history since independence.

All military regimes that ruled the country since independence failed to manage the diversity and achieve balanced development. Instead, they relied on military solutions for political and social issues, suppressing pluralism, and creating militias. The December Revolution sought to lay a new foundation for the country-one of peace, democracy, and peaceful coexistence. However, the National Congress Party and the Islamic Movement obstructed the democratic transition, orchestrated the October 25, 2021 coup, and ignited this war to create chaos, with the hope return to power-even if it meant the destruction of Sudan.

Our history and present realities show that there is no military solution to this conflict, no matter how long it lasts. The only viable path to ending the suffering of our people and preserving the unity of our country is the immediate cessation of war and an agreement on a new national project that establishes a civilian democratic system based on equal citizenship, within a genuine federal system, and a unified, professional, and national army that remains away from politics and the economy.

Considering the above, I call for the following steps to stop the bloodshed and address the root causes of Sudan's Crises:

First:- Urgent Joint Meeting of the African Union Peace and Security Council and the United Nations Security Council. This meeting, attended by the commanders of the Sudanese

Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces, as well as the leaders of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (Abdelaziz al-Hilu) and the Sudan Liberation Movement (Abdelwahid Mohamed Nour), along with democratic civilian forces, should agree on the following:

1. An immediate and unconditional humanitarian truce and ceasefire.
2. Confidence-building measures and a conducive environment for ending the war that comprise:
  - Effective ceasefire monitoring mechanisms, including deploying
  - an international and regional peacekeeping mission.
  - Safe corridors for humanitarian aid through Sudan's borders and affected areas.
  - Freedom of movement for civilians across Sudan.
  - Establishing safe zones free from military activities to provide a dignified living environment.
  - Halting inflammatory media campaigns by warring parties.
  - The release of all prisoners of war, and detainees of prodemocracy and civil society activists.
3. Call on all regional and international actors to refrain from any actions that prolong the conflict, including imposing a total arms embargo on all warring parties and cutting off all war funding sources.
4. A donor conference to fill the humanitarian funding gap identified by the UN response appeal.
5. Launching a comprehensive and credible Sudanese-led peace process aimed at addressing the root causes of the conflict with three interconnected tracks:
  - Humanitarian Track - Delivering aid and protecting civilians.
  - Ceasefire Track - Agreeing on a permanent ceasefire and security arrangements (building on the Jeddah Declarations).
  - Political Track - A national dialogue addressing the root causes of the crisis to establish lasting peace.

Second:- Expected Outcomes of the Peace Process:

This process should result in:

- A permanent ceasefire and a comprehensive peace agreement.
- A broad constitutional framework restoring Sudan's democratic transition under the principles of the December Revolution.
- A unified, professional, national security and military system, free from political and economic influences.
- A justice and transitional justice process that holds perpetrators accountable and delivers justice for victims.
- A fully empowered civilian transitional government to lead Sudan
- To elections.
- Post-war reconstruction and national recovery.

To the Great Sudanese People,

To Our Friends in the Region and the International Community,

Considering the grave risks facing Sudan today, and our commitment and responsibility in achieving the the vision and proposals outlined above, we will immediately take the following actions:

**First:-** Engage with Sudanese military and civilian parties to discuss this call and its proposals.

**Second:-** Mobilize the region and international community's support to implement these steps.

**Third:-** Present a detailed roadmap for ending Sudan's wars, achieving sustainable peace, and establishing a democratic state.

**Fourth:-** Work towards a broad consensus on ending the war through a Sudanese - Sudanese roundtable/dialogue involving the widest possible participation-excluding the National Congress Party and its affiliates. This process must be an extension of the December Revolution and must not lead to the restoration of the former regime.

**Fifth:-** Form an expert task force to assess the massive war-related destruction and develop a practical, actionable reconstruction and recovery plan, exploring innovative funding and solutions to begin implementation.

Finally,

Our collective historical responsibility-as civilians, military, political and social forces, regional and international actors-compels us to act immediately to end this catastrophic war. Our great people deserve peace, freedom, and justice. I urge you all to work together for Sudan's peace, unity, security, and stability-for the dignity, freedom, and prosperity of its people. Peace be upon you all.