

**Human Security Incident: Confirmed
Bombardment at Naivasha Market in Abu
Shouk IDP Camp**

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I. Key Findings

The Yale School of Public Health's Humanitarian Research Lab (HRL) has confirmed through satellite imagery collected 11 to 18 August 2025 that bombardment attacks occurred on Naivasha Market in Abu Shouk Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp. Local media reported that 9 civilians were killed and an additional 13 injured after Rapid Support Forces (RSF)'s 12 August 2025 bombardment in Abu Shouk IDP Camp, including at the Naivasha Market, and northwest El-Fasher.¹ According to the Sudan Doctor's Network, RSF artillery bombardment on 16 August killed at least 31 people, including one volunteer from the Abu Shouk Emergency Response Room, 7 children, and one pregnant woman; at least 13 others were injured.² There are three instances of damage consistent with munition impacts clustered around a structure in Naivasha Market in Abu Shouk IDP Camp visible in satellite imagery between 11 and 18 August 2025.

Open sources, including the El-Fasher Resistance Committee, have reported that RSF has infiltrated Abu Shouk IDP Camp and abducted, and in some cases allegedly executed civilians.³ A widely circulated video purportedly shows an RSF soldier executing a man in civilian clothes after questioning him about his tribe, identified as the Birte, and then shooting him at close range at least four times with a handgun and walking away; HRL was unable to independently verify this video at time of publication.⁴ Open sources and local media reported that RSF's artillery bombardment has caused significant displacement, mostly moving from the northern areas of Abu Shouk south toward the center of the city or fleeing out of the city toward Tawilah, Jebel Marra, Kutum, and Mellit.⁵ An Abu Shouk Emergency Response Room representative reported that 21 people had died in the past 45 days due to famine and disease.⁶

II. Human Security Analysis

Recent events in Abu Shouk IDP Camp indicate that Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Joint Forces either no longer have the capacity or willingness to defend civilians in the IDP Camp.⁷ As RSF incursions and bombardment escalate, civilians are in increasing danger of starvation, injury, abduction, assault, conflict-related sexual violence, and death.

III. Methodology

Yale HRL utilizes data fusion methodologies of open source and remote sensing data analysis. Yale HRL produced this report through the cross-corroboration of open source data, including social media, local news reporting, multimedia, and other reports, and remote sensing data, including satellite imagery and thermal sensor data. Researchers analyzed open source data across social media, news reports, and other publicly available sources to identify, chrono- and geolocate, and verify incidents. Analysts assess the credibility and reliability of open source data based on a source's

level of detail, past credibility, and the corroboration of other independent sources. Remote sensing and satellite imagery analysis relies on multi-temporal change detection, which involves the comparison of two or more satellite images of the same area captured at different times to detect differences in coloration, visual properties, and presence, absence, or positional change of objects across the images.

Limitations

There are significant limitations to the data fusion methodology. The information environment in Sudan does not have the breadth of data available in other locations and there is likely a significant reporting bias for those who provide open source reporting. The tools and techniques present significant challenges to assess activities such as extrajudicial detention, conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV), and conflict-related casualties, particularly in environments with limited data. Satellite imagery analysis is limited by available imagery over time and space. Available nadir angles of satellite imagery can produce challenges to assess structural damage, until multiple angles and ground-level photographic and video materials emerge to help inform the analysis. Image resolution level can also limit the analyst's ability to perceive the full extent of damage present.

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² "عشرات القتلى والجرحى في قصف على الفاشر" *Darfur24*, 16 August 2025, <https://www.darfur24.com/2025/08/16/%d8%b9%d8%b4%d8%b1%d8%a7%d8%aa-%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%82%d8%aa%d9%84%d9%89-%d9%88%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%ac%d8%b1%d8%ad%d9%89-%d9%81%d9%8a-%d9%82%d8%b5%d9%81-%d8%b9%d9%84%d9%89-%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%81%d8%a7%d8%b4%d8%b1/>, archived at <https://perma.cc/SL8Y-YND2>; Sudan War Updates (@sudan_war) "قصف مدفعي عنيف شنته" *X*, formerly known as Twitter https://x.com/sudan_war/status/1956716581553315962, archived at <https://perma.cc/2FNX-8AKU>

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Naivasha Market, Abu Shouk IDP Camp, El-Fasher

CONFLICT-RELATED DAMAGE OBSERVED BETWEEN
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Analysis of satellite imagery collected between 11 and 18 August 2025 over El-Fasher shows damage from likely munition impacts to buildings in the Naivasha Market located within the Abu Shouk IDP Camp.



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