



## SUDANESE ARCHIVE

### ***Shot in the Streets***

Integrated security forces kill and injure anti-coup protesters on October 30th

A Sudanese Archive Investigation: The **Coup Files**

#### **For Immediate Release:**

Since General Burhan launched a coup in Sudan on Oct. 25, 2021, he has deployed integrated and armed military units against demonstrators. These units - which are reported to include Police, SAF, RSF, and plain clothes intelligence officers - have repeatedly used lethal force on non-violent protesters, resulting in the death of at least 46 civilians to date.

The Sudanese Archive has preserved more than 3,000 video and photo files documenting protests and violence against civilians since the coup. The **Coup Files** is the most comprehensive open-source archive of these human rights violations.

**Shot in the Streets** is the Sudanese Archive's first report from the **Coup Files**. Verified video documentation shows security forces identified as the police, SAF and RSF coordinating and advancing together. In the report our team analyses videos shared on social media and with the archive that show security forces shooting directly toward civilians in multiple incidents, injured protesters, and two cases in which people appear to have been killed in protests on October 30th.

**See the report here: [sudanesearchive.org/investigations/oct30](https://sudanesearchive.org/investigations/oct30)**

According to Sudan security experts, the use of integrated military units shows the high level of command and control over the forces deployed to put down the protests. [Human Rights Watch has also documented](#) the deployment of integrated units using lethal force on October 30th and in later protests. This is supported by an eyewitness on October 30th who saw three people killed in front of him.

*I think the Army was there to supervise. Because if you are a policeman and your commander told you to shoot a person, you cannot just shoot a person. So there will be another supervisor who is from the Army.*

*We saw a bunch of military uniforms in the back. In the front was the Central Reserve Forces and the Police. In the middle was a couple of guys wearing civilian clothes, but some of them actually held AK-47s and they just started shooting.*

General Burhan has repeatedly [denied that his troops used lethal force](#). [“The armed forces do not kill civilians,”](#) he said, [blaming the police](#) and claiming investigation committees will reveal what happened.

The ***Shot in the Streets*** report clearly shows that excessive force was used against protestors by integrated security units that included members of SAF and RSF. The investigation identifies the same or similar patterns in violence against protestors on October 30, 2021 as occurred in 2019, both before and after former president Omar Al-Bashir was ousted from office. We found similarities in: type of violence, injuries, and likely perpetrators.

While the military waits for the results of their investigation committees, the Sudanese Archive will be publishing new reports based on the **Coup Files**. These will show further evidence of excessive force, seeking to identify those responsible for 16 deaths on November 17th. Verified videos from the **Coup Files** will be [published in a new dataset](#) starting this week.

“Security forces used tactics that indicate a coordinated plan using excessive force to quell the protests and frighten people from demanding a civilian government. However, the Sudanese Archive continues to preserve the vital documentation being shared by Sudanese citizens of protestors in the streets despite the ongoing violence,” said Moneim Adam, director of the Sudanese Archive. “We will continue to investigate these human rights violations until there is accountability, and impunity ends.”

The [Sudanese Archive](#) verifies visual documentation and conducts investigations to support the human rights community. We welcome collaboration and the use of our data. Since October 25th, the Sudanese archive has preserved more than 3,000 pieces of video documentation depicting protests and showing violence against civilians. Our work is only possible because of the Sudanese citizens documenting the reality in their communities. We welcome collaboration, questions, and submissions of additional material. Contact: [info@sudanesearchive.org](mailto:info@sudanesearchive.org)

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