

At least 40 military officers are reported to have been arrested in connection with the alleged coup.

Sudanese state TV announced on Tuesday that there had been a “failed” coup in the country, adding that there had been an attempt to take control of the public media building in Omdurman, across the river Nile from the capital Khartoum.

The country’s sovereignty council said that the situation was under control and that law enforcement would begin questioning suspects immediately.

A senior military source told French news agency AFP that a group of officers “were involved in the attempt but were immediately suspended.”

Khartoum saw a successful coup just two years ago, when longtime president Omar al-Bashir was ousted. Since then, Sudan has been ruled by a transitional government council that contains both civilian and military members.

However, the council has been unable to reconcile the deep political divisions that have existed since the Bashir era. Moreover, they have overseen harsh economic reforms in order to qualify for International Monetary Fund loans that have met with resistance from the Sudanese people.