

The United Nations Security Council has extended sanctions on Sudan for two months, while 124 personnel from a faction previously aligned with the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have joined the Sudanese army in North Darfur, according to official statements.

The 15-member council voted unanimously on Thursday, Oct. 8, to extend the sanctions regime established under Resolution 1591 until Dec. 11, 2026. The resolution also extended the mandate of the Panel of Experts assisting the Sudan Sanctions Committee until Jan. 11, 2027.

The sanctions include an arms embargo relating to Darfur. The extension maintains the existing measures as Sudan's conflict continues.

Separately, the Sudanese government announced that 124 personnel, including 18 officers, from a faction of the Sudan Liberation Forces Grouping led by Taher Hajar had joined the Sudanese Armed Forces in North Darfur.

The group, led by Muhammadin Ismail Abu Zara, arrived in the Al-Tineh area with military equipment and several combat vehicles, according to the government statement.

Abu Zara said the decision to join the army followed concerns among his fighters about what he described as threats posed by the RSF to Sudan's unity, security and stability in Darfur.

He said the group had begun participating in military operations alongside the Sudanese Armed Forces on the western front.

The sanctions extension and the reported arrival of the fighters are separate developments amid the continuing conflict between Sudan's military and the RSF.