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During the reference period, the RSF controlled nearly all areas of West Darfur,[692](#) while fighting over Bir Saliba area was reported in August 2026.[693](#) In North and West Darfur, the main SAF-aligned armed groups were SLM-Minnawi and JEM-Ibrahim, which initially operated under the banner of the Darfur Joint Forces before most joined the SAF.[694](#) Other SAF-aligned actors active in West Darfur were Masalit fighters[695](#) and the Popular Resistance,[696](#) while Darfur Arab Militias were aligned with RSF forces.[697](#)

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