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During the reference period, the RSF maintained control over all of East Darfur,[736](#) where it was frequently accused of unlawful killings, looting and arbitrarily detaining civilians suspected of collaborating with the SAF.[737](#) In August 2025, for instance, the RSF conducted a large-scale arrest campaign in the town of Adila.[738](#) Along the border with South Sudan, RSF forces reportedly were present north of the Kiir River, while South Sudanese security forces were deployed along the southern bank.[739](#) RSF-aligned militias reportedly active in East Darfur included armed groups associated with the Barqit (Bergid) and Fur communities,[740](#) as well as the Darfur Communal Militia, Habbaniyah Militia, and Al-Fayaren Clan Militia.[741](#) Following a May 2025 campaign by RSF to recruit new fighters that reportedly involved the forced recruitment of civilians,[742](#) the RSF-aligned civilian administration launched a state-wide mobilisation drive in August 2026 to recruit volunteers from localities across East Darfur for deployment to North Kordofan.[743](#)

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