



CRITICAL SITUATIONS IN SUDAN AND EGYPT

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The Sudan: The situation for Eritrean refugees not in UN refugee camps in Sudan has been acutely dangerous as Sudanese and Eritrean security forces work together to round up and deport refugees to Eritrea. Last week, 361 Eritrean refugees in eastern Sudan were sent back to Eritrea.

The fractious and dysfunctional Sudanese government continues to collude with the Eritrean regime. Respect for international law is non-existent. There is growing suspicion that the Iranian government is complicit, encouraging cooperation between the regimes.

Eritreans are discouraged in the strongest terms, from fleeing Eritrea to the west.

Egypt: Eritrean and Sudanese refugees continue to be jailed when found by Egyptian security forces. Often, unarmed refugees spotted near the Israel border are shot in order to subdue them, often with fatal results. In the Sinai, renegade Bedouins continue to hold refugees in order to extort large sums of money from friends and relatives in other countries. Many refugee corpses have now been found in the desert, not far from the Israel border, and with growing evidence that some are victims of organ theft. There is a growing movement by honorable Bedouins in the Sinai to take action to stop the exploitation of refugees, which is tarnishing the reputation of the Sinai and its people. So far, the Egyptian military government has not taken such action.