



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Witness Biographies

Military Coup in Sudan: Implications for Human Rights

Panel I



Bryan Hunt assumed duties as Office Director for South Sudan and Sudan in the State Department’s Bureau of African Affairs in August 2019. From January 2021 to October 2021, Mr. Hunt served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Africa and the Sudans. Mr. Hunt has also served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Maputo, Mozambique from August 2016 to July 2019; Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Georgetown, Guyana from August 2013 to July 2016, where in addition to bilateral responsibilities he was accredited to the Caribbean Community; and as Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from July 2011 to July 2013, handling bilateral relations with the countries of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister Counselor, Mr. Hunt’s previous overseas assignments include Counselor for Political Affairs at the American Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan (July 2009 – October 2010); Principal Officer at the American Consulate in Lahore, Pakistan (July 2006 – July 2009); Political Officer at the American Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan (August 2004 – July 2006); Political Officer at the American Embassy in Maputo, Mozambique (August 2000 – August 2002); Consular and Commercial Officer at the American Embassy in Gaborone, Botswana (September 1998 – August 2000); and Political, Economic, and Consular Officer at the American Embassy in Bissau, Guinea-Bissau (September 1996 – June 1998). Mr. Hunt’s additional domestic assignments include as Deputy Director for Regional and Security Affairs in the State Department’s Africa Bureau (October 2010 to July 2011) and as Desk Officer for Angola in the State Department’s Africa Bureau (September 2002 – August 2004).

Panel II



Jonas Horner joined Crisis Group in October 2019 as Deputy Director for Horn of Africa and Senior Analyst for Sudan. Jonas has fourteen years' policy, programs and research experience in conflict management, stabilisation and small arms and light weapons in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and the Pacific with UN agencies, the European Union, NGOs and research organisations. In Sudan, he worked as Technical Adviser on Politics, Stabilisation and Peacebuilding to the EU for four years and ran the UN Development Program's Conflict Reduction Programme in the country's Three Areas along the border with South Sudan ahead of the countries' 2011 split. Previously he worked as Africa Analyst to political risk firm Eurasia Group. Most recently he served as Coordinator of the UN's Task Team on Conflict Prevention and Regional Conflict Adviser to Mercy Corps in the Middle East.



Kholood Khair is managing partner of Insight Strategy Partners, a think and do tank in Khartoum that works on transitional policy priority areas. Kholood also hosts and co-produces Spotlight 249, Sudan's first English language political discussion and debate show aimed at young Sudanese. Kholood has written for several publications and has provided analyses for different research and policy institutions and holds an MSc from Oxford University and an MSc from the School of Oriental and African Studies.



Moneim Adam is a Sudanese lawyer by training and the Manager and Project Director for The Sudanese Archives. He has worked as a human rights lawyer before domestic courts, supporting local NGOs, and served as a legal advisor and a consultant for international organizations. Moneim Adam started his law practice dedicated to human rights-related issues. He focused on supporting marginalized societies and minorities. Mr. Moneim Adam graduated with his LL.M. in public international law and human rights from Riga Graduate School of Law 2017 and aims to support accountability mechanisms and human rights practice in post-war Sudan and in particular the interim government.



Mausi Segun, executive director of Human Rights Watch's Africa Division, oversees the work of the division in approximately 30 countries. Segun joined Human Rights Watch in September 2013 as the senior researcher for Nigeria. She has conducted field investigations to several parts of northern Nigeria, authored extended press releases and dispatches on the cycles of violence in north central Nigeria, the humanitarian crises, the abduction of girls and women and the violations committed by both sides in the Boko Haram insurgency in the northeast. She has written pieces for the *New York Times*, *The Independent UK*, *Sunday Independent SA*, and *Salon* and has been quoted in the *Huffington Post*, *Washington Post* and other major news media. Before Human Rights Watch, she

worked with Nigeria's National Human Rights Commission where, as southwest zonal coordinator, she worked tirelessly to document and promote human rights in six southwest states.