

.Second Easter and Second Anniversary of Sudan War

Episcopal Anglican Cathedral after Liberation of Khartoum by SAF



Introduction

This is the second anniversary and second Easter of Sudan crisis since the war began in Khartoum on 15th April 2023. Because of the continued fighting, it is my second Easter to celebrate away from All Saints Khartoum as a Bishop and Archbishop!

I am aware that many of you like me who are celebrating Easter for the second time away from your Churches, your homes, your cities and your country. Let us not lose hope, because the resurrection of Christ is the revelation the Love of God while the cross is the Power of God.

Destruction

After two (2) years of occupation of All Sants Episcopal Anglican Cathedral Khartoum, some of our members Headed by Revd. Buturs Ambasha, Pastor in-charge of Emmanuel Parish, al Thoura and Acting Archdeacon of East Omdurman Archdeaconry visited the Cathedral on 31st March and 10th April 2025 respectively. The team was horrific by the condition of the destruction and the damage of the House of worship. Praise the Lord that the Cathedral was not bombed like the Church of Savior, Omdurman. This report comes after two years since the war began between the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and Sudan Arm Forces (SAF) April 2023.

It is important to note that the Episcopal Anglican Cathedral was the first Church in Khartoum to be occupied by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on 18th. April 2023. Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo, Dean of

the Cathedral, The Very Revd. Yunis Abdalla, their families and over 40 people who took refuge in the Church were compelled by the situation to evacuate the Cathedral after 3 days of serious fighting in and around the Cathedral. They walked about one and a half hours to find a safer area South of Khartoum leaving behind all their belongings. Since then, no one went back until after the liberation of Khartoum from the Rapid Support Forces by the Sudan Arm Forces.

When we speak about the Cathedral, we mean the Cathedral building and its other Church institutions within the compound. It consists the Provincial Office, Episcopal Relief and Rehabilitation Agency (EDARRA) and Beit Al Salam Guest House which was opened in 2022 a year before the war. In addition to the Archbishop's residence, the Dean's residence and the Curate's House.

It appears in the pictures and videos, the damage, destruction and looting of the Church, houses and all offices including Beit Al Salam Guest House. Bishops' graves are not spared from destruction! For the Cathedral to resume its activities, it will need a major renovation if not rebuilding. It will cost thousands of dollars to get the Cathedral useable again. Pews, houses, offices and other basic facilities, like water, electricity and toilets. All the cables have been removed!

Before the re-opening of the Cathedral, the government must declare that Khartoum safe for the people to return to their homes, churches and mosques. There may be landmines or any other objects needed to be removed.

Thanks

Praise God for his protection to those who are still alive. Many suffered in many different ways in this crisis and they are still suffering in many parts of the country particularly in Darfur region. We continue to pray that just and durable peace soon come.

We thank the many friends who have been journeying with the Churches in prayer and giving for the survival of its members and the Sudanese people in general. I pray that this commitment and support will continue until things go back to normal.

Conclusion

Hymn and prayer of Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Bellow are pictures of the Provincial Office, The Cathedral, Diocesan Office, Church of Savior, Shokai Theological College and Abu Rof

All Saints Episcopal Cathedral Khartoum





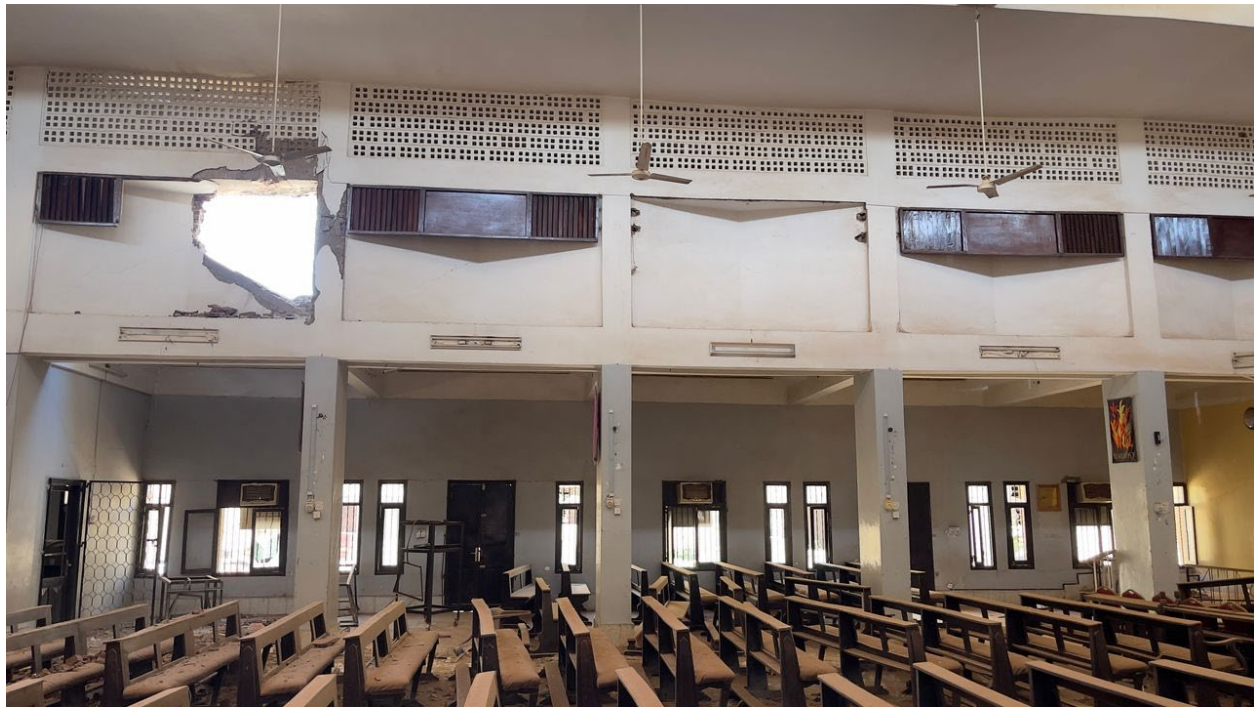










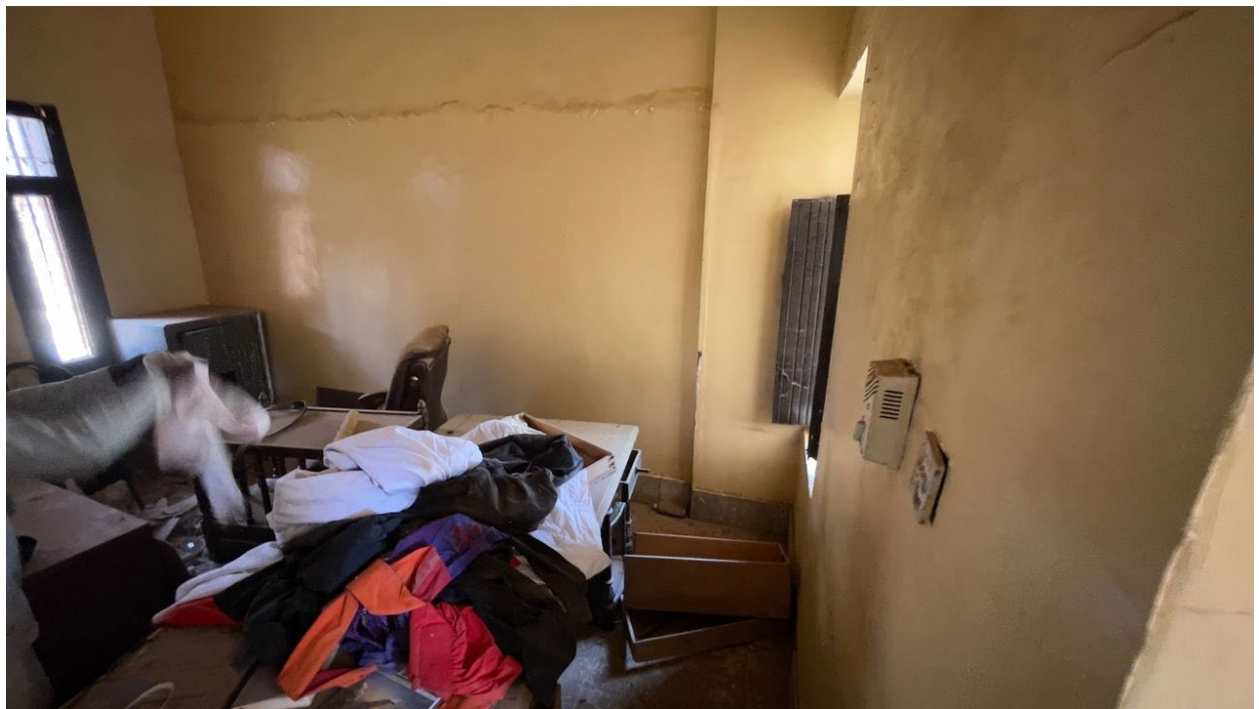




















Youth Hall



























































Cathedral Guest house





Dean's Residence











Curate's House











Archbishop's Residence



















Provincial Office of Episcopal Church of Sudan

















Beit Al Salam Guest House



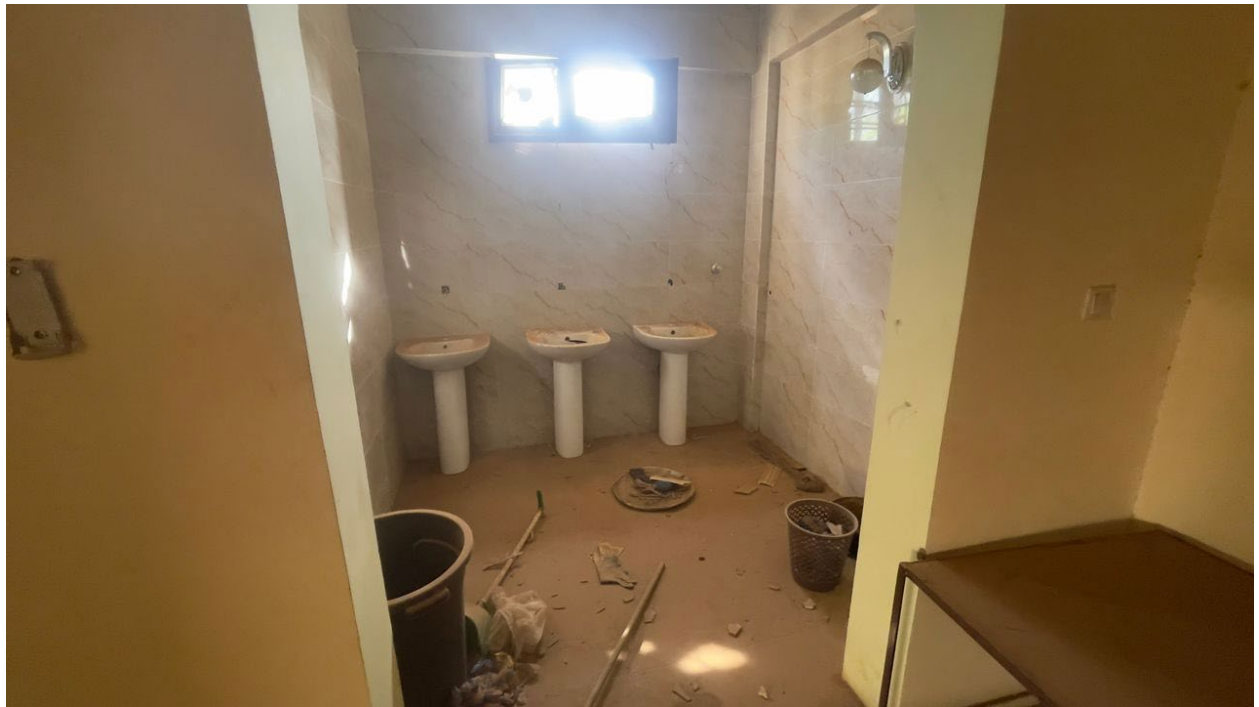
































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The Team visited the Church







Saviour Church Omdurman







Theological College Shokai





Abu Rof Clinic









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