

# Burhan Is Using Sudan-Israel Normalization to Secure His Power

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In an article recently published in *The Wall Street Journal*, Lt.-Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, Sudan’s leader and head of the Sudanese Armed Forces, tried to present his vision of the war that has been raging since April 2023. One point caught attention—his reference to normalization with Israel: “In 2021, Sudan took a historic step by joining the Abraham Accords. We believe that peace and cooperation are the only path toward a stable Middle East and Horn of Africa.” This reveals that normalization has become a tool used by a military leader seeking international legitimacy amid a war that has caused the world’s worst humanitarian catastrophe in 2025, with more than 12 million people displaced. But Burhan is not alone in this game. Rapid Support Forces leader Mohamed Hamdan “Hemedti” Dagalo has positioned himself similarly, expressing support for normalization on multiple occasions...

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