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U.S. Warns Sudan—and Perhaps the Saudis—About Cracking Down on Protesters

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As international players compete to ease or exploit the crisis, Washington is seemingly pressuring Riyadh to end its support for brutal warlords like General Dagalo.

Dreadful events are happening in the Sudanese capital, and more likely will come. Paramilitary troops loyal to ruling generals have imposed a reign of terror. Opposition civilians, whose protests forced the end of President Omar al-Bashir's 30-year rule in April, have been beaten, and women raped. The government acknowledges more than 40 deaths. The real total is likely to be multiples of this. Khartoum is a long way from Washington and, for many Americans perhaps, Sudan is synonymous with dictatorship and famine. But this time may be different. The United States appears to be publicly expressing concern about Saudi Arabia's role, most likely overseen by Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman...

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