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During the reference period, the RSF controlled nearly all areas of West Darfur,692 while fighting over Bir Saliba area was reported in August 2026.693 In North and West Darfur, the main SAF-aligned armed groups were SLM-Minnawi and JEM-Ibrahim, which initially operated under the banner of the Darfur Joint Forces before most joined the SAF.694 Other SAF-aligned actors active in West Darfur were Masalit fighters695 and the Popular Resistance,696 while Darfur Arab Militias were aligned with RSF forces.697

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