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Most of Sennar state fell under SAF control at the start of 2025,1032 with SAF troops capturing the last RSF stronghold in Al-Dali and Al-Mazmoun locality in southern Sennar at the beginning of March 2025.1033 The state subsequently remained under SAF control during the reference period.1034 The headquarters of the SAF 17th Infantry Division was stationed in the state capital Sinja.1035 ACLED assessed that the RSF's decision to open a frontline against the SAF in January 2026 in Blue Nile aimed at reopening the fight for control of central Sudan, including Sennar state.1036

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