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In the reference period covered by the previous EUAA COI Report Sudan – Security Situation (February 2025), the SPLM-N-Agar, a faction that emerged following a struggle for leadership between SPLM-N commanders Malik Agar and Abdelaziz Al-Hilu in 2017,1100 aligned its forces with the SAF1101 and started to move its troops from Blue Nile towards Al Jazirah.1102 The SPLM-N-Al-Hilu faction, which was not aligned with either conflict party1103 held territories in southern Blue Nile,1104 namely the New Funj area.1105 In August 2024, the RSF advanced from Sennar into Blue Nile, leading to clashes with the SAF before being pushed back into Sennar in September 2024.1106 Later in November 2024, the RSF reported to have made renewed advances in the state, claiming to have established their presence around 70 km from the state capital Damazin.1107

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