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According to the Sudans Post, as of July 2025, Northern and River Nile states, previously considered relatively stable, risked increasingly being drawn into the armed conflict as the northern region faced RSF drone strikes, threats and military advances. As of November 2025, UNHCR described River Nile state as 'relatively calm',1196 albeit facing repeated drone attacks throughout the reference period, many of them targeting locations in Atbara city.1197 In its Sudan coverage published in March 2026, the Egyptian independent online newspaper Mada Masri stated that the 'relatively secure' situation in River Nile state enabled the local authorities to rebuild the manufacturing sector.1198

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