PROJECTOR SLIDE

The Siege of El Fasher

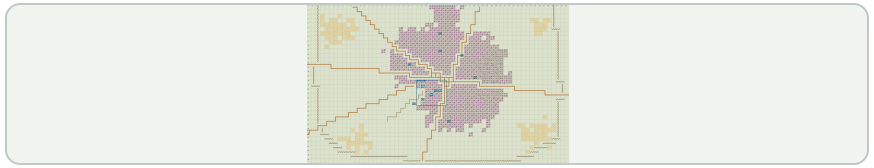
El Fasher, North Darfur, Sudan · 10 May 2024 to 26 October 2025

Learning objectives

- Compare the modeled encirclement with Yale’s documented community destruction and berm observations, keeping each report’s date and geographic coverage distinct.
- Analyse how a defender with few drones and one air defence unit decides what to watch and what to strike when the attacker can approach from every side over several stages.
- Evaluate the obligations of both sides toward the civilians inside a besieged city, using the findings of the WHO, UNICEF, the UN human rights office and the Yale Humanitarian Research Lab.



Scenario illustration · AI generated



Student map · own side only · Simulation situation map · reconstructed terrain and estimated deployments; not verified historical positions.

Run and debrief

9 minutes 10 seconds at 1×. Hold the 6th Infantry Division headquarters zone through all five stages of the siege, from May 2024 to the final assault of October 2025. Use your few drones to find and strike RSF artillery and assault groups before they reach the zone, and avoid strikes in the built up areas where civilians remain.

Which result differed from history, and what evidence or model assumption explains it?

Atrocity notice · 2025-01-07 · U.S. Secretary of State: Genocide Determination in Sudan | 2026-02-19 · UN Fact-Finding Mission: Sudan: Hallmarks of Genocide in El-Fasher (A/HRC/61/77) | 2025-09-05 · UN Fact-Finding Mission: A war of atrocities

The January 2025 U.S. determination concerned Sudan-wide RSF and allied-militia conduct; it preceded the October 2025 capture. The February 2026 UN report retrospectively examines El Fasher's siege and capture, including events after this scenario's 26 October endpoint. Those massacres are historical context, never playable operations.

Study is not endorsement. Never target civilians, hospitals, schools or places of worship. Report civilian harm. Terrorist forces and Wagner: computer controlled. Gaza events and civilian massacres: excluded.