

Sudanese Muslim Brotherhood



OVERVIEW

AS OF AUGUST 2026

The Sudanese Muslim Brotherhood is a foreign terrorist organization (FTO) that formed in the 1940s and seeks to regain political power in Sudan. The group is composed mainly of the Sudanese Islamic Movement (SIM), an umbrella organization of Islamist groups; and the al-Bara Bin Malik Brigade (BBMB), an Islamist militia. The group also includes a handful of longstanding members who are not affiliated with the SIM or the BBMB. The SIM and the BBMB have received weapons and training from Iran and are focused on supporting the Sudanese Armed Forces against the Sudanese Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in the ongoing Sudanese Civil War to regain political power.

Operating Area

Sudan; SIM and BBMB leaders occasionally travel abroad to garner support

Members

Probably tens of thousands SIM members; at least 20,000 BBMB fighters

Tactics And Targets

The SIM operates in a political capacity and supports the BBMB's militant efforts. The BBMB possesses armed unmanned aerial vehicles, artillery, and small arms that it uses against the RSF in the civil war.

Terrorist Group Designation

In March 2026, the US State Department designated the Sudanese Muslim Brotherhood as an FTO and a Specially Designated Global Terrorist group and labeled the SIM and the BBMB as components of the group.

KEY LEADERS



Ali Karti

Secretary general of the SIM since 2019



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Al-Misbah Abu-Zayd Talhah Ibrahim

BBMB leader since May 2023



Uways Ghanim

BBMB deputy leader

