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### Risk of the Cultural Heritage in the Sudan (Sennar and AL-Khandaq) Case Study

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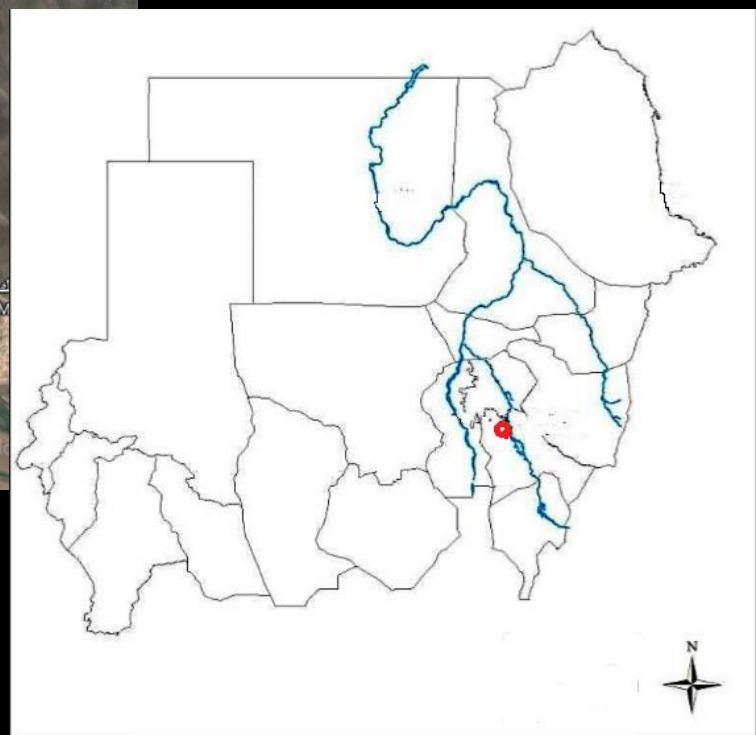
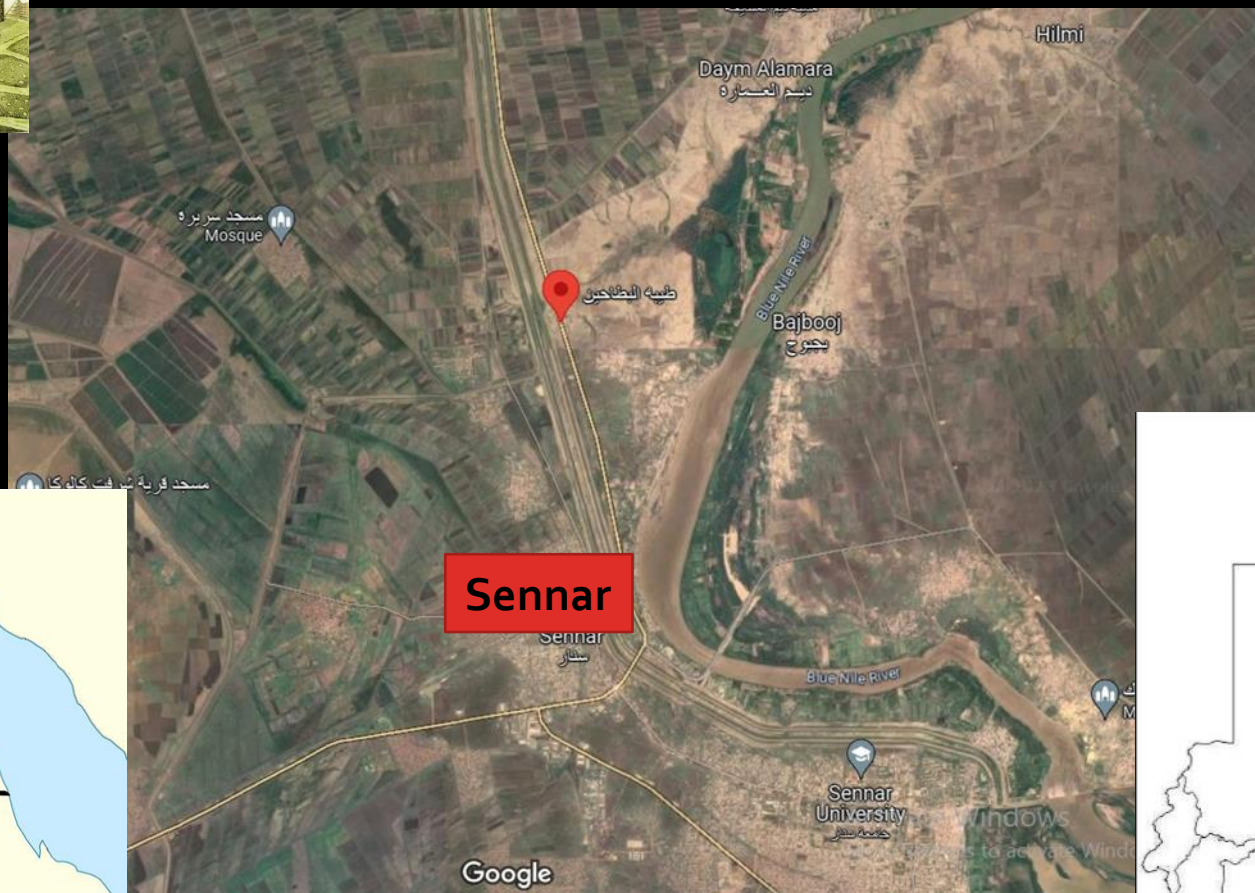
# RISK OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

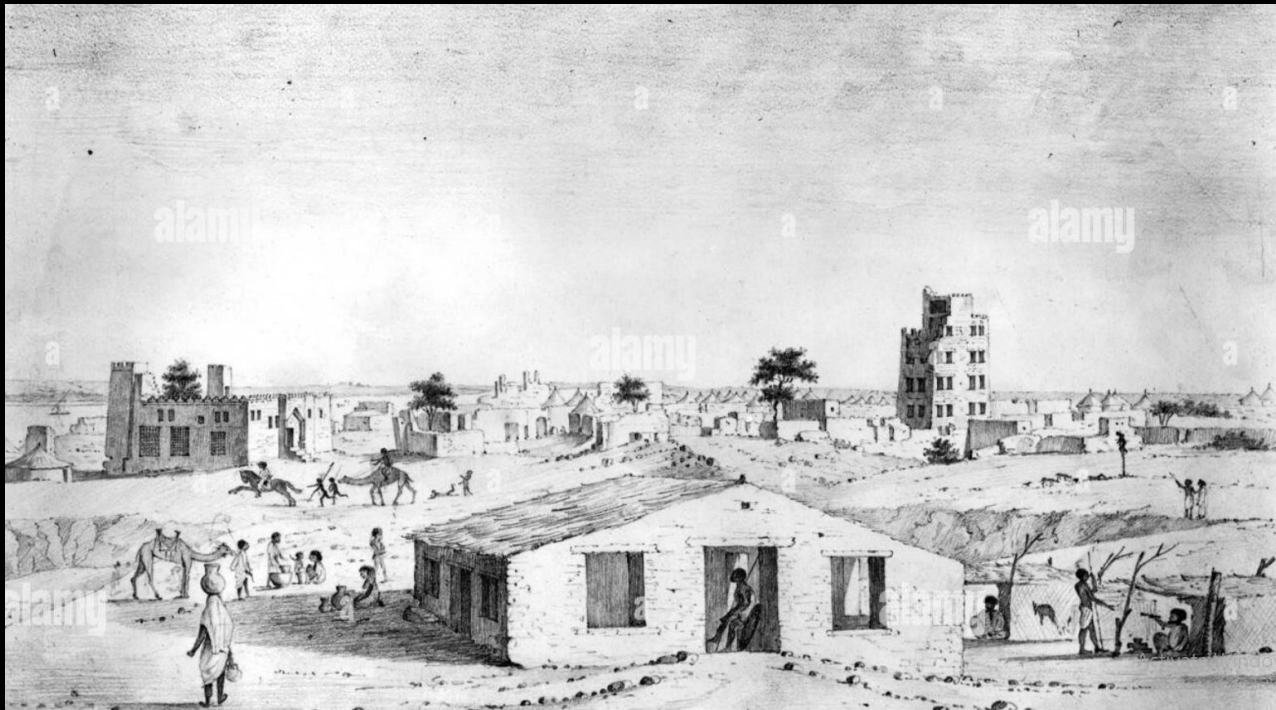


*SOUTH SUDAN TRIBES*

A word cloud listing various South Sudanese tribes, including: Gollo, Pari, Lokoya, Mananger, Nuer, Naath, Balanda-Boor, Dinka-Jieng, Mundari, Moro, Nyangwara, Feroche, Sere, Kara, Lopit, Acholi, Anyuak-Anyuak, Baka, Kakwa, Suni-kachipo, Adio-Makarakka, Bai, Maban, Ifoto, Dongotona, Lotuka-Otuh, Anyuak-Anyuak, Azande, Binga, Uduk, Shatt, Bar, Jurchol-Luo, Murle, Lulubo, Indri, Avukaya, Shilluk, chollo, Madra, Ndongo, Yulu, and Madi.

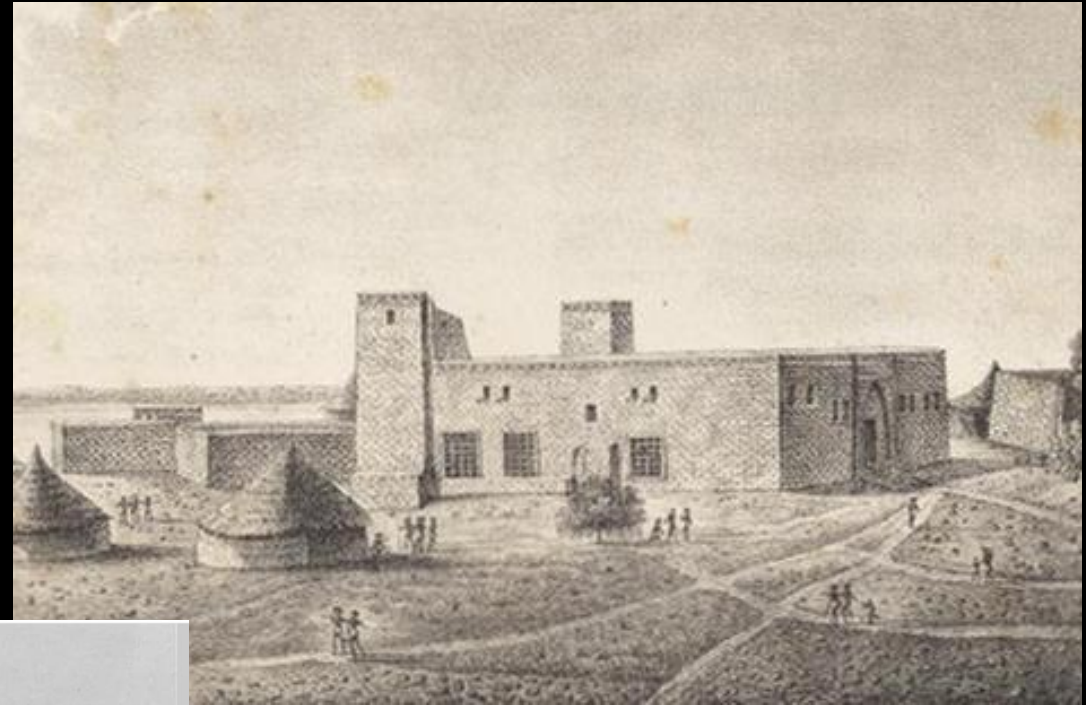
# Geographical and History of SENNAR





**Sennar in 1821.  
From a drawing by Linant de Bellefonds**

The great mosque of Sennar, built in the 17th century



The old mosque at Sennar, 1908. 80 The old mosque at Sennar, 1908  
STORRAR COLLECTION. PHOTOGRAPHER G.R. STORRAR

House in Sennar a town on the  
Blue Nile in Sudan . Ferdinand  
Hirts, 1886



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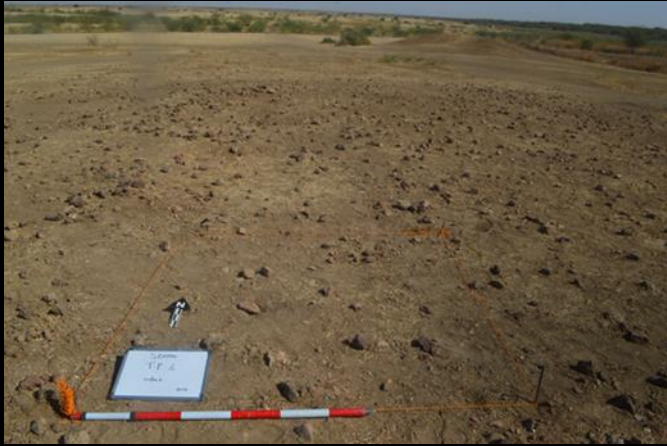
h. Haus in Sennaar.

# There are several risks threatening the cultural heritage in Ancient Sennar

Geographic environment



Armed conflict



## Weak archaeological work

Cambridge Monographs in African Archaeology  
60  
Series Editors: John Alexander and Lawrence Smith

### Islamic Archaeology in the Sudan

Intisar Soghayroun Elzein

## Urban expansion and agricultural projects



## SUDAN & NUBIA

The Sudan Archaeological Research Society



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Preliminary Report on the  
Archaeological Survey of  
Sennar State and the Southern  
Gezira State Project (Western  
bank of the Blue Nile)

*Fawzi Hassan Bakhiet and Abdelbai Abdelsawi*





# Random excavation

Qarsali

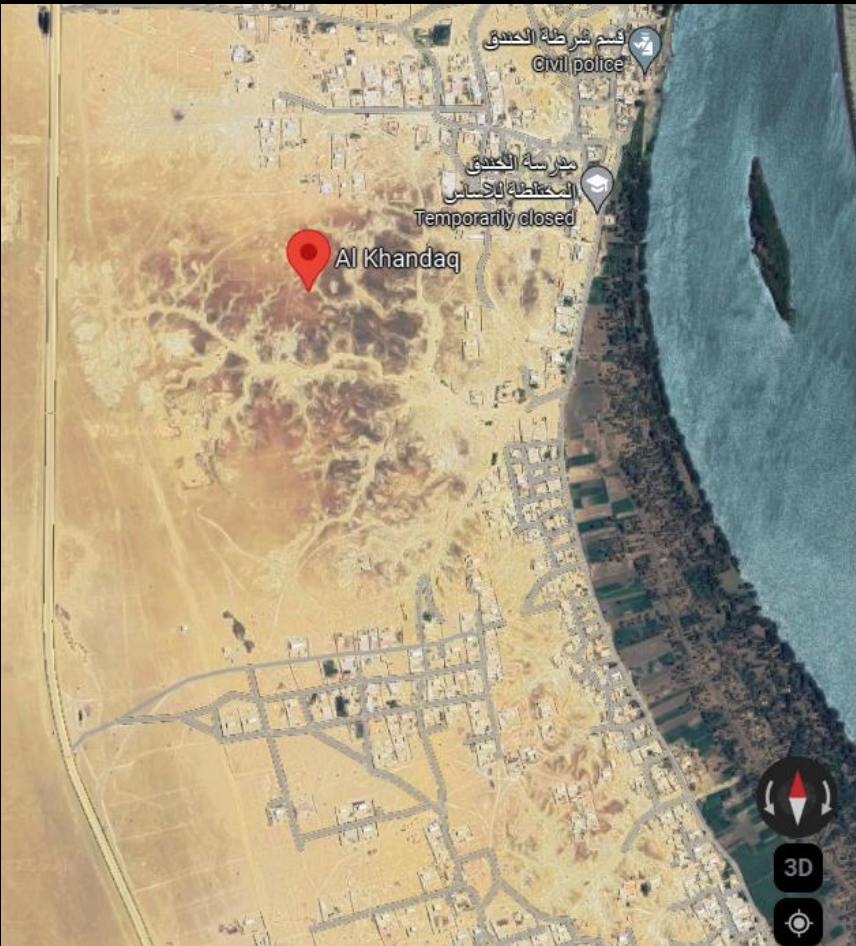


Qarsali





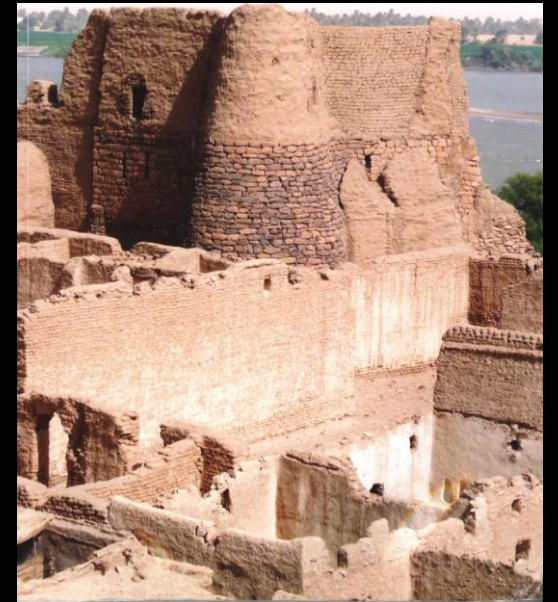
# Geographical of AL-Khandaq



# Historical of AL\_Khandaq



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**The Castle Qaila Qaila  
(the red Castie)**

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Desert and Flood



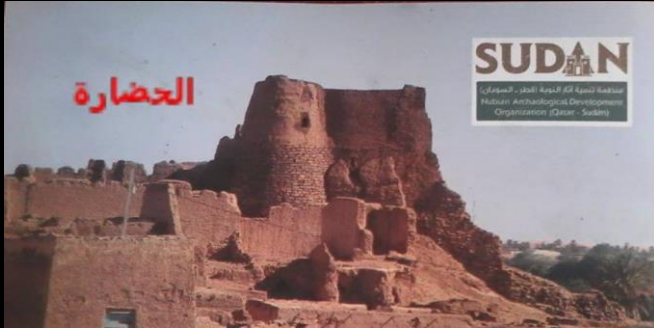
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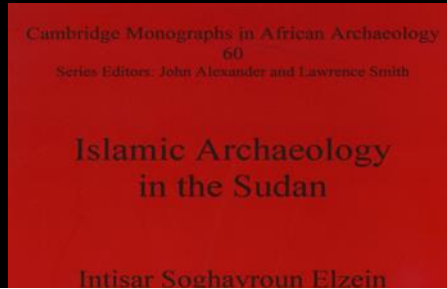
Population migration




Stoppage of funding projects



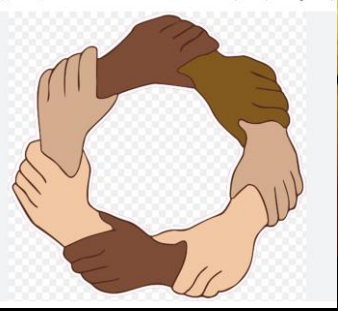
Lack of archaeological studies





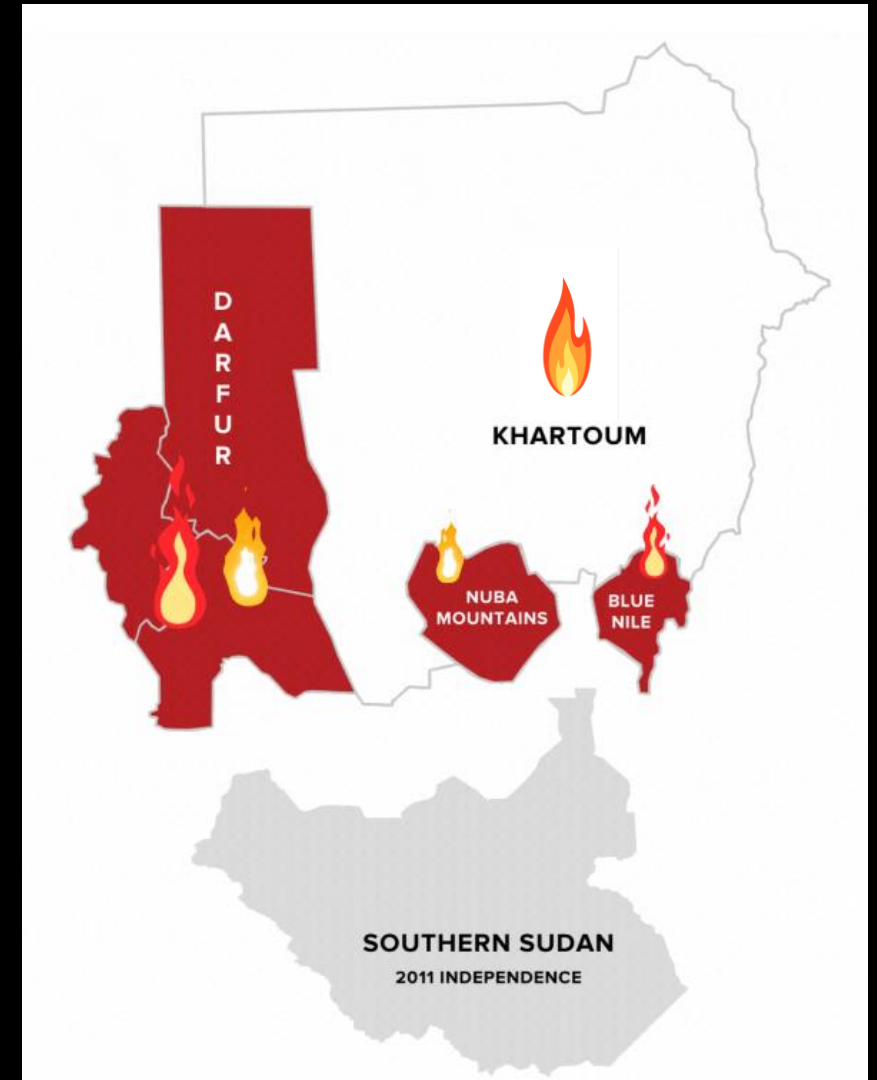
El-Khandaq – the town in the light of some Western pre-modern sources  
*Isabella Welsby Sjöström<sup>1</sup>*

The archaeological and cultural survey of the Dongola Reach, west bank from el-Khandaq to Hannek: Survey Analysis  
*Intisar Soghayroun Elzein*



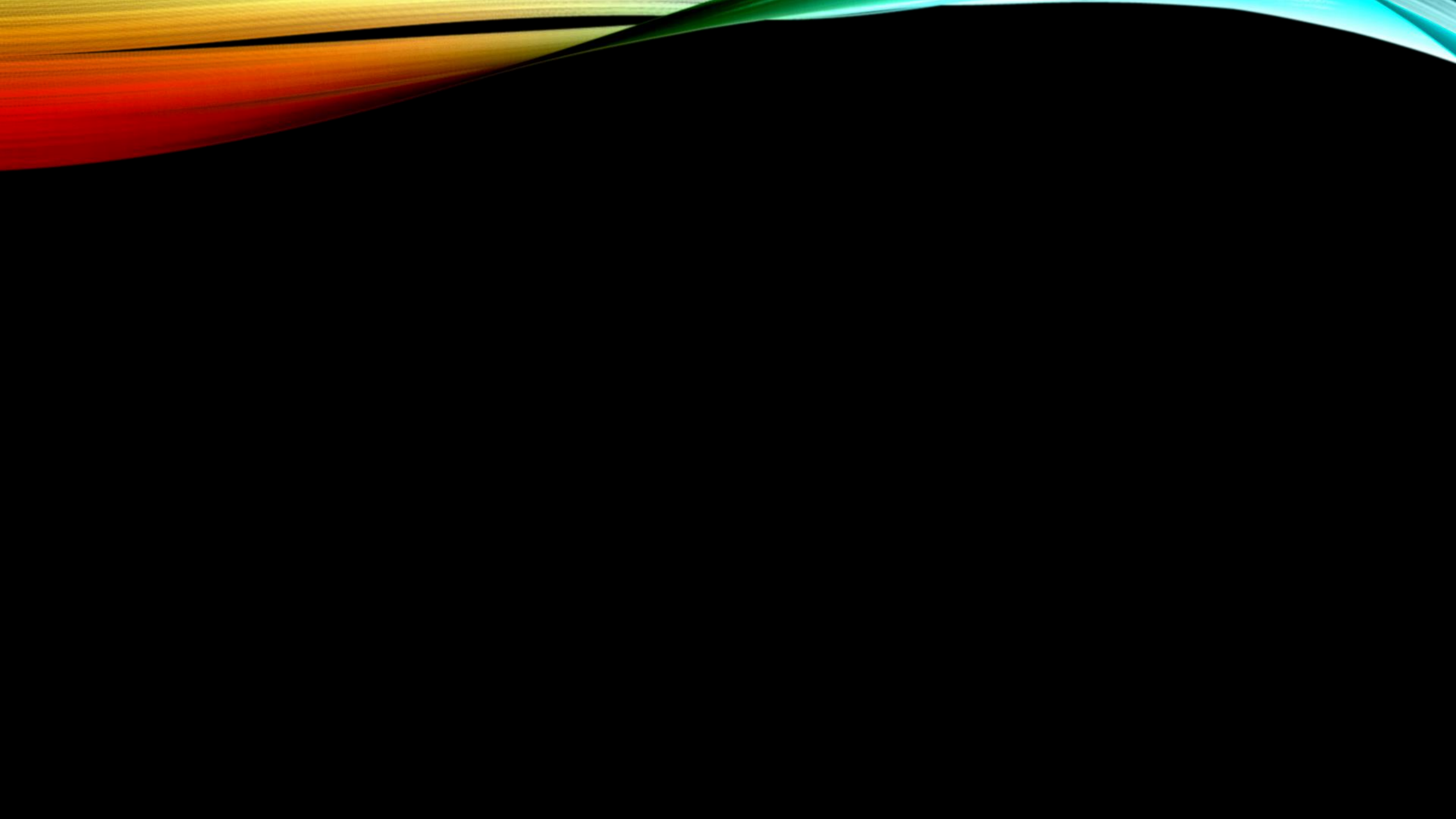
## The risk of the Sudanese cultural heritage

On 15 April, Sudan rapidly descended into war between two rival military factions.









# Conclusion

Awareness and education

Strengthening control and regulation

Protection and conservation

Excavation and scientific research

International cooperation

