

Abdelaziz Adam Al-Hilu

Abdelaziz Adam Al-Hilu is a pivotal figure in Sudan's contemporary political and military landscape, combining decades of battlefield leadership with a **clear political vision** for restructuring the Sudanese state. Rooted in the **Nuba Mountains** and academically trained in **economics at the University of Khartoum**, he has built his career around the **"New Sudan" project**, anchored on two principles: **secularism (the separation of religion and state)** and the **pursuit of justice and equal citizenship** for marginalized regions.

Since joining the **Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in the mid-1980s**, he has risen to become **President of the SPLM-North** and **Commander-in-Chief of its army**. Known as the **"man of difficult missions"** for his discipline and resilience, he has led both **armed struggle** and **peace negotiations** with unwavering commitment to his principles. Beyond his military command, Al-Hilu is also recognized for his **intellectual clarity** and **advocacy for human rights**, making him a **decisive player in shaping Sudan's trajectory of war and peace for over three decades**.



Leadership Positions & Career Path

Leadership Roles & Key Appointments

- Vice-Chairman, Presidential Council of the Government of Peace and Unity (Tasis) – July 2025.
- Deputy Chairman, Leadership Council of the Sudan Founding Alliance (Tasis) – 2025.
- Chairman, Civil Authority for the New Sudan – 2018.
- Chairman & Commander-in-Chief, SPLM-North (al-Hilu faction).
- Senior leadership roles within SPLM-North, including:
 - Political and Leadership Council
 - National Liberation Council
 - Participation in the Extraordinary General Conference (2017).

Professional & Administrative Background

- Administrator, National Authority for Electricity and Water (Khartoum) – until November 1985.
- Joined the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in 1985.
- Underwent advanced military training at the SPLM's Military Studies College.
- Rose through the ranks to become Lieutenant General and a member of the SPLM Political Bureau.



Leadership Profile & Personal Traits

- Known for resilience, humility, discipline, and unwavering commitment to principles.
- Referred within SPLM-N as the "man of difficult missions," a testament to his disciplined leadership in challenging operations
- Holds a thoughtful and visible presence both in the field and humanitarian zones.
- Regarded as a leading military and political figure from Sudan's peripheries since the 1980s.
- Played a pivotal role in both armed leadership and principled political negotiations around the Nuba Mountains/South Kordofan.



Education and Key Areas of Expertise

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Economics,
University of Khartoum — 1979

Core Expertise

- **Military & Security:**
Extensive experience in leadership, strategic planning, and army building.
- **Political & Negotiation:**
Proven record in leading political movements, high-level negotiations, conflict resolution, and coalition building.
- **Governance & Administration:**
Strong background in civil administration and senior government roles.