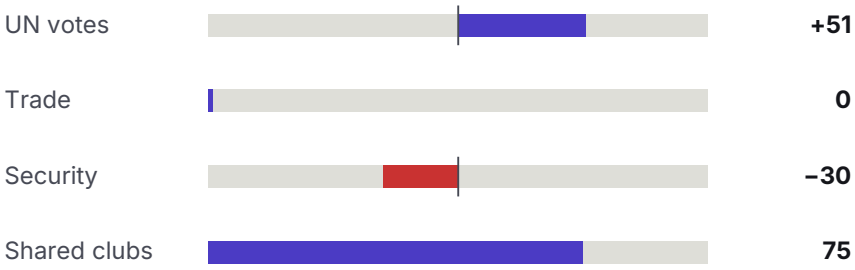
Libya & Sudan

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Neutral

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

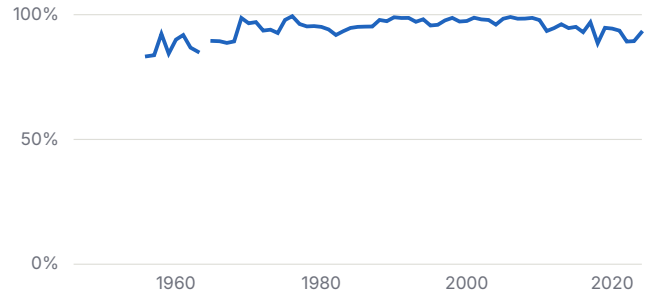


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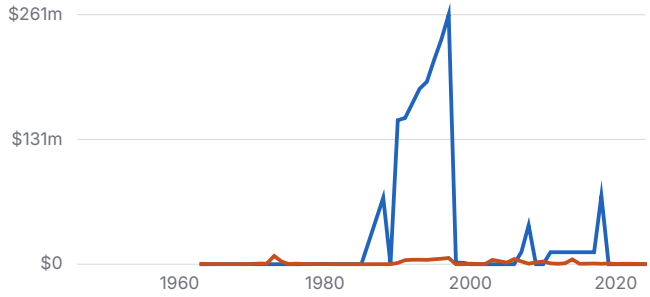
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in Libya, with Sudan supporting another party, in 2019.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 90% (2022–2024), higher than either of them has with most countries.
- Only part of their trade in goods is on record ($70 thousand a year): the IMF data have no exports from Libya to Sudan in these years, which may mean there were none or that they were not reported.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Sudan names Libya more often than the reverse (38 sentences against 14).
- 40,000 people born in Sudan live in Libya (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 639,000 refugees and asylum seekers from Sudan in Libya; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

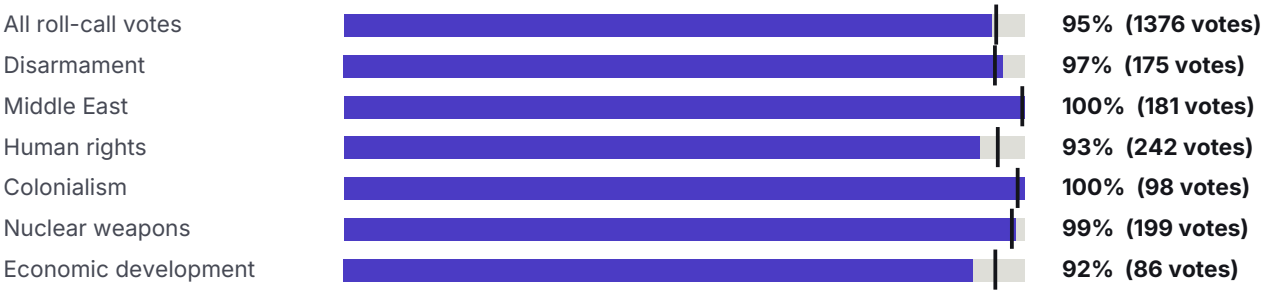


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Libya sells to Sudan Sudan sells to Libya

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)



Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes	At the UN, the vote agreement of Libya and Sudan was 90% in 2022–2024. For Libya, Sudan is the 74th closest voting partner out of 191; for Sudan, Libya is the 21st closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $70 thousand a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Libya's trade and less than 0.1% of Sudan's.
Words	Since 1946, Libya has named Sudan in 14 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Sudan has named Libya in 38.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (Libya, 2019).
People	3,700 people born in Libya live in Sudan and 40,000 born in Sudan live in Libya (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 14 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	238 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±6 points.
Trade	**Low**	Goods trade is reported in 1 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**Low**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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