

Council grapples with Sharia law differences

Sudan's ruling military council is insisting that Sharia remain the basis of the country's new laws. Protest leaders had handed them a list of proposals for an interim government, following the ousting of President Omar al-Bashir in April. However, the 10-member military council said it had 'many reservations' about their suggestions – including the protesters' conspicuous silence on Islamic law. [BBC News](#) reports that the protesters' proposals were put to the military council by the Declaration of Freedom and Change Forces, a coalition of activists and opposition political groups. Lieutenant-general Shamseddine Kabbashi, spokesman for the Transitional Military Council, said **'the declaration failed to mention the sources of legislation, and the Islamic Sharia law and tradition should be the source of legislation'**.