Let our graffiti be: Sudan protesters

The graffiti that symbolised Sudan’s uprising are being painted over across the capital Khartoum, protest leaders complain. The Forces for Freedom and Change that led the months-long protest movement that brought down longtime ruler Omar al-Bashir said the “enemies of the revolution” had been systematically erasing murals.

In recent days, some of the colourful murals and slogans that appeared on the walls of the capital during the early stages of the protest that ousted Omar al-Bashir were painted over. Together with music, these murals had become a symbol of the popular nature of an uprising that was led by young activists rather than engineered by political opposition.

Most of the murals and graffiti could be found on walls outside of the army headquarters in Khartoum, where protesters camped out for weeks on end. “This is an absurd measure and shows the inability of the enemies of the revolution to recognise its roots and its realisation in people’s hearts,” the statement said. AFP

A protester sits on a wall covered in graffiti during a protest outside the army complex in the capital Khartoum on April 20

A mural painting of Mohamed Mattar, on the wall of a youth club in Khartoum’s northern district