

Summary of the Genocide

- 400,000 dead
- 2.5-3 million people displaced
- Oppressors: Janjaweed (a militia group), funded and supported by the Sudanese government
- Victims: Mostly non-Arab inhabitants of Darfur, mainly represented by the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) and the Sudan Liberation Army/ Mouvement (SLA or SLM)
- Currently, the African Union—United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) is supposed to have 26,000 personnel, but only 9,500 uniformed men are present.



Malnourished children who have lost their families — these are the real victims of the conflict



"My son was clinging to my dress. An Arab looking man, in a uniform with military insignia, stopped his car next to me. He grabbed my son from me and threw him into a fire."

Kalima, resident of the village of Kidinyir, Darfur



"When they say we will go and fight the rebels, they lie. They do not actually go to fight the rebels. Instead they raid the villages and the small scattered communities and seize people's possessions."

Anonymous former Janjaweed recruit

Canadians for Action in Darfur



"We concluded that genocide has been committed in Darfur and that the government of Sudan and the Janjaweed bear responsibility, and that genocide may still be occurring. We believe that the evidence corroborates a specific intent to destroy a group in whole or in part."

Colin Powell, September 2004



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The Darfur Crisis: What You Need to Know



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Another Genocide - Will Canada Stop it this Time?

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Background Information

A humanitarian catastrophe has been going on in Darfur, Sudan since 2003. Darfur is located in the west of Sudan. The government of Sudan is located in Khartoum in the eastern part of the country and is mainly



Darfur, a region

Arab. Since 2003, the government has supported a military operation to cleanse Darfur of its population. During this time, over 400,000 people have been killed, and approximately three million people have been displaced from their homes. As the conflict drags on, a grave humanitarian crisis is worsening. Shortages of food, water and medical supplies in the Internally Displaced Persons Camps are getting worse every day, and the conflict has become so danger-

ous that many NGO's are stopping their humanitarian aid programs in the region. After much delay, in July 2007 the United Nations finally sanctioned a resolution that called for deployment of 26,000 troops to protect the people of Darfur and facilitate distribution of humanitarian aid. However, over a year later only 9,500 troops have been deployed. A number of countries have indicated willingness to contribute troops to the mission; however they all require financial and military backing from affluent nations. These are two domains where Canada unarguably has the necessary means to take a leadership role.

History of the Region

Due to the ethnic differences between predominantly Arab government in the east, and the black population of Darfur, the government has economically and politically neglected Darfur since de-colonization. This neglect led to living conditions in Darfur being significantly inferior to those of the rest of the country. In



2003, rebels from Darfur, feeling that the Sudanese government was oppressing its non-Arab population, attacked Golo and the capital of North Darfur, al-Fashir. In response, the Sudanese government engaged the Janjaweed, an Arab militia, to cleanse western Sudan of its black population.

What We Did:

- Founded Canadians for Action in Darfur (CAD) in March 2008
- Collected 6,000 signatures on petitions, from St-John's, Newfoundland to Vancouver, B.C.
- Gained the support of 33 members of parliament representing all political parties

What We are Doing:

- Preparing to make Darfur an electoral issue in the next Canadian election.
- Giving school & community presentations
- Circulating petitions
- Organizing a Montreal-Darfur rally for the spring of 2009

What YOU Can Do:

- Sign our petition
- Call 1-800-GENOCID(E)
- Write a letter to your MP (visit www.cadarfur.org/MPletter for a template and to find your MP)
- Invite a CAD speaker to your school or community centre.

Any Questions:

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