

The Darfur Report

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→ Darfur News

[Sudan's Government Bombs Rebel-Held Town in Darfur](#)

A recent bombing destroyed eight homes in Muhagiriya, a town of 30,000 people, many of whom had been displaced in previous fighting. The Sudanese government has vowed to take control of the town from Darfur's most powerful rebel group, the Justice and Equality Movement. The rebels seized control of Muhagiriya from another rebel group that signed a peace deal in 2006 with Sudan's government. Click [here](#) to view this January 25, 2009 article from *The New York Times*.

[France to Cut Foreign Deployments by 15 Percent](#)

France plans to call home 15 percent of its 13,000 troops overseas, pulling forces out of Chad and Ivory Coast as part of a new doctrine of more selective foreign deployments, Prime Minister Francois Fillon announced. France will pull at least 1,000 soldiers from a 1,650 force serving in Chad and at least 900 soldiers from a 1,800 force serving Ivory Coast. Click [here](#) to view this January 28, 2009 article from *The Miami Herald*.

[Darfur Fighting Displaces Thousands of Sudanese](#)

Sudanese government aircraft have been bombing rebel positions near the northern state capital of El-Fasher and the southern town of Muhagiriya, recently, displacing more than 9,000 people. Click [here](#) to view this January 28, 2009 article from *Bloomberg*.

[African Union Wants Thabo Mbeki to Head Darfur Panel](#)

The African Union has asked former South African leader Thabo Mbeki to head a panel on how to reconcile the need for accountability in Darfur with opposition to calls for Sudan's president to be prosecuted. Click [here](#) to view this January 29, 2009 article from *Reuters*.

[Obama's Envoy Voices Support for International Court](#)

Ambassador Susan Rice signaled a shift in U.S. policy toward support for the International Criminal Court, a tribunal the Bush administration opposed, in her first speech to the United Nations Security Council. Click [here](#) to view this January 29, 2009 article from *Bloomberg*.

[International Court Needs More State Assistance](#)

International Court (ICC) Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo believes that involvement of member states is urgent if ICC judges granted a request by the prosecutor for a warrant to arrest Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir for crimes in the war-torn Darfur region. Click [here](#) to view this January 31, 2009 article from *Reuters*.

[Sudan Asks Peacekeepers to Leave a Town](#)

Peacekeepers have refused to leave a rebel-held town in Darfur, despite warnings from the Sudanese

government that an attack is imminent. Click [here](#) to view this February 1, 2009 from *The New York Times*.

[Sudan Mediators Attempt to Avert Darfur Attack](#)

Mediators tried to avert a Sudanese attack on a rebel-held town in Darfur. Peacekeepers were still in Muhagiriya as were about the 30,000 civilians. Click [here](#) to view this February 2, 2009 article from *Reuters*.



Advocacy Resources:

Become an activist against the genocide in Darfur with the aid of JCRC resources.

- Click [here](#) to download a Darfur background and timeline piece
- Click [here](#) to download a "call to action" flyer to distribute to your community and mobilize individuals
- Click [here](#) to download a petition—take action and get signatures to help end the genocide in Darfur
- Click [here](#) to download an invitation for the February 19, 2009 JCRC meeting on genocide awareness

Darfur: A Call to Action

is a 20 minute documentary film produced by the Save Darfur Coalition. The film provides background on the genocide in Darfur and explores major religions' views regarding the responsibility to the people of Darfur. Click [here](#) to view this video.

****IMPORTANT RESOURCE**** The Genocide Intervention Network has created the first-ever anti-genocide hotline. By calling **1-800-GENOCIDE (436-6243)**, you can be immediately connected to your elected officials; all you need is your zip code. The hotline will provide you with up-to-date talking points related to current Darfur legislation and other actions your elected officials can take to help end the genocide. You can put **1-800-GENOCIDE** into your cell phone, and call regularly to urge your elected officials to do all that they can and live up to the commitment to never let genocide reoccur.



The Darfur Report is a newsletter designed to educate the Jewish community on issues related to the genocide in Darfur, including political and legislative developments. This newsletter does not necessarily represent the views of the JCRC or the Jewish Federation of Greater Miami. To respond to ***The Darfur Report***, contact [Lori Dearman](#) at LDearman@gmjf.org.



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