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Darfur is a region set apart: huge, remote, and poverty stricken. Its people are today locked in conflict, terrorized by the lawless Arab militia known as *janjawid*, which has created what the United Nations has called “the world’s worst humanitarian disaster.” As M. W. Daly, distinguished historian and long-term observer of the Sudan, explains, the roots of the crisis lie deep in Darfur’s past. Tracing the story to the origins of the Fur state in the seventeenth century, through imperial expansion, revolution, and finally Darfur’s annexation by the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, he shows how years of neglect left the region unprepared for independence. The final chapters focus on the years thereafter, as successive governments failed to rise to the challenges of institution building and economic and political administration, and the region descended into chaos. This is a complex and often harrowing story, told with compassion, insight, and a strong sense of place.

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## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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|---------------|--|
| c.1650–c.1680 | Reign of Sulayman; establishment of the Fur sultanate.                         |
| 1752/3–1785/6 | Reign of Sultan Muhammad Tayrab.   |
| 1787/8–1803   | Reign of Sultan Abd al-Rahman.   |
| 1796          | Annexation of Kordofan.  |
| 1803–38       | Reign of Sultan Muhammad al-Fadl.  |
| 1821          | Egyptian conquest of Kordofan.   |
| 1838–73       | Reign of Sultan Muhammad al-Husayn.  |
| 1874          | Battle of Manawashi; Egypt annexes Darfur.                                     |
| 1881          | Outbreak of the Sudanese Mahdiyya.   |
| 1882          | British occupation of Egypt.   |
| 1884          | Darfur falls to the Mahdi.   |
| 1885          | Death of the Mahdi and accession of the Khalifa Abdallahi.                     |
| 1888–89       | Revolt of “Abu Jummayza.”  |
| 1898          | Anglo-Egyptian conquest of the Sudan; return of Ali Dinar as sultan of Darfur. |

## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- 1899 "Condominium Agreement" establishes the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.
- 1916 Anglo-Egyptian occupation of Darfur.
- 1921 Revolt of Abdallahi al-Sihayni.
- 1922 Powers of Nomad Sheikhs Ordinance.
- 1924 Revolution of 1924; evacuation of Egyptian Army.
- 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.
- 1953 Anglo-Egyptian Agreement on Sudanese Self-Government and Self-Determination.
- 1955 Mutiny in Southern Sudan.
- 1956 (1 January) Independence of the Sudan.
- 1958 Military coup overthrows Sudanese parliamentary regime.
- 1964 "October Revolution" overthrows military government.
- 1965 Restoration of parliamentary government.
- 1969 Military coup established "May Regime" of Jaafar Muhammad Nimayri.
- 1972 Addis Ababa Agreement ends first civil war.
- 1975 Assassination of President Tombalbaye of Chad; accession of Felix Malloum.
- 1980 Ahmad Ibrahim Diraige elected Governor of Darfur.
- 1982 Hissene Habre takes power in Chad.
- 1983 (June) Nimayri "redivides" Southern Sudan into three "regions."  
 (July) Establishment of Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/SPLA).  
 (September) Nimayri decrees *Shari'a* the law of the land.

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- 1984–85 Drought and famine in Darfur.
- 1985 (April) Nimayri ousted; Transitional Military Council takes power.
- 1986 Third parliamentary regime established; Al-Sadiq al-Mahdi as prime minister.
- 1987–89 “War of the Tribes” in Darfur.
- 1989 Military coup under Omar Hasan al-Bashir overthrows parliamentary regime.
- 1990 Idris Deby takes power in Chad.
- 1991 (February) Sudan reorganized into states; Darfur is one.  
(November) SPLA force invades Darfur, is quickly crushed by January 1992.
- 1994 Darfur divided into three “states.”
- 1996 Ossama bin Ladin leaves Sudan.
- 1998 (August) U.S. attack on pharmaceutical factory at Khartoum North.
- 1999 (January) Fighting breaks out in Northern Darfur.
- 2000 Publication of the *Black Book*.
- 2003 Upsurge in *janjawid*/government-rebel fighting; by year’s end, 1 million refugees.
- 2003 (February) Manifesto of SPLA published.  
(March) Justice and Equality Movement announced.  
(September) Ceasefire negotiations in Chad.
- 2004 (August) Negotiations begin in Abuja.  
(September) United States describes events in Darfur as “genocide.”
- 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement ends civil war in Southern Sudan.  
(July) Declaration of Principles signed in Abuja.

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(May) Darfur Peace Agreement signed in Abuja; two rebel factions refuse.

(September) African Union's peacekeeping mandate expires, is renewed; by year's end, 2.5 million refugees, war dead estimated at 400,000.

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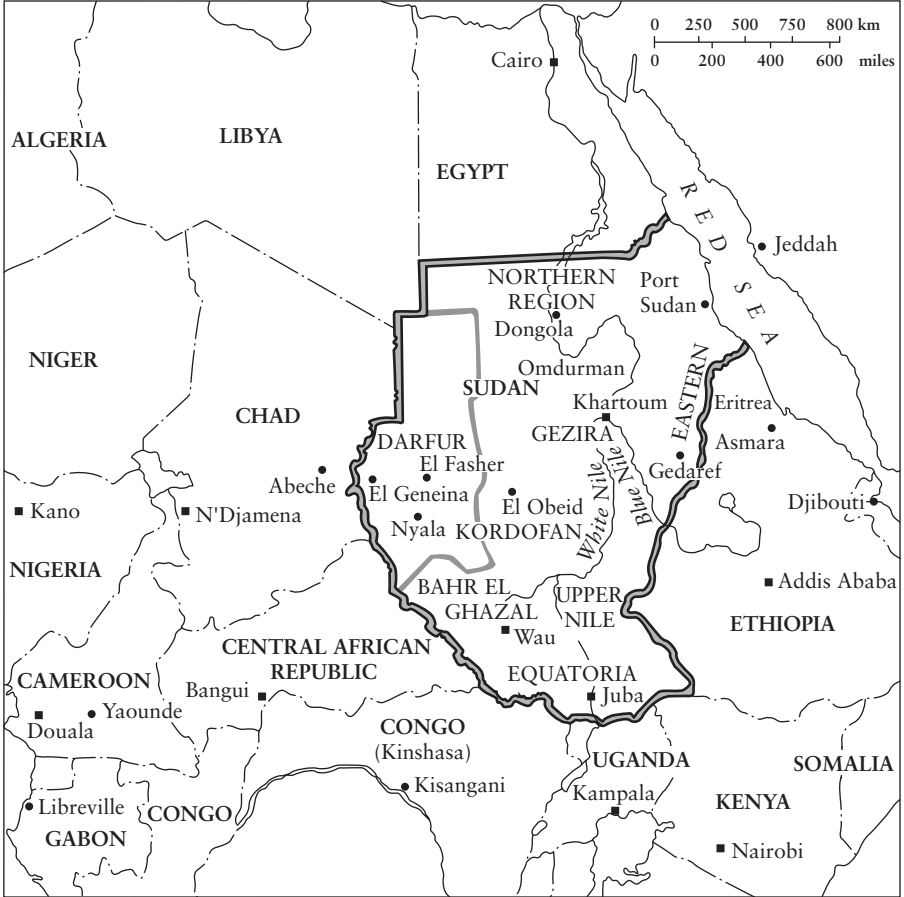
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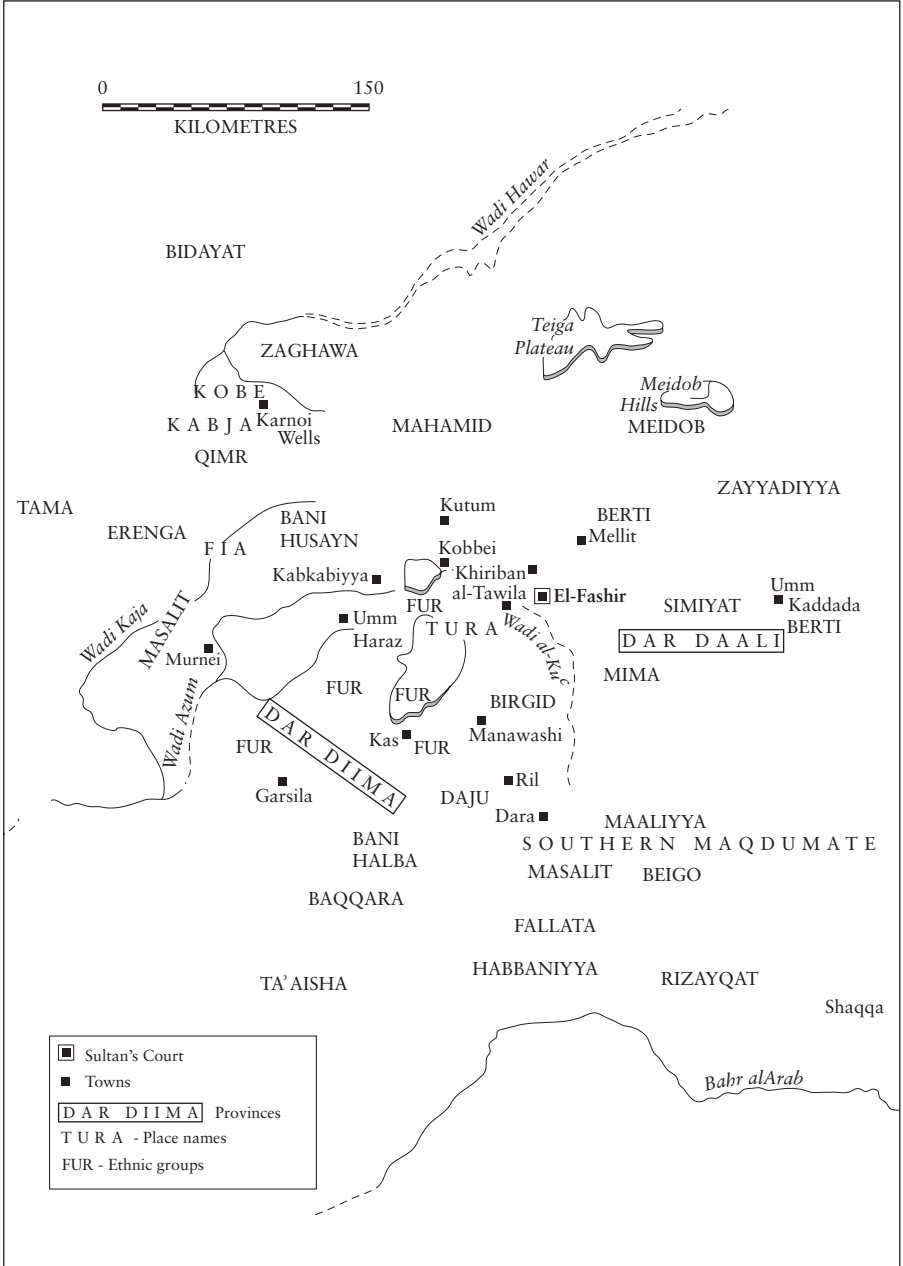
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