

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CRISIS IN SUDAN.

Since 1989, the Sudanese people have been oppressed by one of the most violent, racist, and paranoid dictatorships in human history.



Army veteran Omar al-Bashir seized power in 1989. His stated goal was to redefine Sudan as an Arab state governed by severe Islamic law. These goals have only existed to increase the dictatorship's own power.

This dictatorship has used the country's military and ethnically Arab militias to kill, rape, and pillage across Sudan targeting citizens based on their ethnicity, religion, and political affiliations. Tens of thousands of oppressed Sudanese have taken up arms to protect themselves.

Ordinary citizens who stand up to Bashir are arrested, tortured, and force disappeared in notorious "ghost houses." Protestors face brutal crackdowns in major cities. International terrorist networks such as al-Qaeda, Hamas, and the Lord's Resistance Army have been given safe haven in Sudan for a number of years.

Sudan's dictatorship has orchestrated the deaths of 2.5 million people in the country through direct violence and denying humanitarian assistance to those most in need. Millions of Sudanese cannot return to their homes. International aid agencies are being kicked out of the country and United Nations peacekeepers are harassed, intimidated, and killed by government-aligned forces. That's the bad news. The good news is that we can empower the Sudanese people to build a peace and just country in our lifetime.

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