

EVIDENCE OF A CRISIS:

Janjaweed Camps in Western Darfur

Despite intense international pressure, more than twenty Janjaweed militia camps remained active in western Darfur at the end of the summer of 2004. This list details their location and attempts, with the best information available as of August 2004, to estimate their size, structure, and composition. While this list is not exhaustive, it provides adequate evidence to suggest that the Sudanese government has not disarmed nor neutralized the militia forces as they have agreed to do in four international agreements.

Other Janjaweed camps, not in the list below, that have been identified include Mistiriyah, the main base for Janjaweed militia leader Musa Hilal, located outside Kebkabiya town, and new camps that have been established over the past three months, including at Saraf Omra in North Darfur; Mercoondi in South Darfur; and Um Dukhun, Buram, and Abugradil in West Darfur.

USTANI

Location West of Serif Omra, also the location of an internally displaced persons (IDP) camp, near Hashaba, on the road between Geneina and Kebkabiya, West Darfur

Opened June 2003

Composition Janjaweed commanders (very few fighters) and not less than 200 Sudanese government troops

Name of Janjaweed Commander Ahmed Jeladi

Structure Houses and tents, airstrip for helicopter; only the Sudan government has helicopters and aircraft.

First Janjaweed camp opened; Janjaweed headquarters for all North Darfur (Darfur was previously divided into North and South Darfur, and this headquarters has jurisdiction over the old North Darfur, including most of an area that is now West Darfur.)

JEBEL KAYA

Location 30 kilometers east of Geneina, between Geneina and Hashaba, West Darfur, in the mountains

Opened June 2003

Composition Janjaweed only; number unknown

Structure Airstrip for helicopter

Janjaweed headquarters for West Darfur; livestock stolen in North and West Darfur kept here. Most

Janjaweed camps are provided with sheep from this location, and the sheep are sometimes transported by helicopter to other camps.

GIRGIRGI

Location 85 kilometers northeast of Geneina, West Darfur

Opened September 2003

Composition Janjaweed only, number unknown (this was the base of the now-deceased Janjaweed leader Shurkutallah)

Structure Old village, civilians driven out

DAMRA SHEIKH ABDEL BAGUI

Location 10 kilometers west of Kutum (location of IDP camp), North Darfur

Opened November 2003

Composition Eighty Janjaweed; unknown number of Sudanese government and/or police

Names of Janjaweed Commanders Omda Adam Abdel Jalli, Jedou Adam Abdel Nabi

Structure Tents

MASRY

Location 7 kilometers southwest of Kutum (location of IDP camp), North Darfur

Opened August 2003

Composition Janjaweed and Sudanese government army troops, 500 altogether (majority Janjaweed)

Names of Janjaweed Commanders Three brothers: Abdel Jabar Abdallah Gibrin, Georgi Abdallah Gibrin, and Hassan Abdallah Gibrin

Structure Old occupied village

Equipment Well equipped, all types of weapons

MILLA 30 Villages

Location 75 kilometers northeast of Kebkabiya, North Darfur

Composition Janjaweed only; more than 300

Name of Janjaweed Commander Abdul Wahid, a retired government army soldier

Structure Occupied villages, civilians (Fur, Tunjur, Zaghawa) driven out

Equipment Six vehicles

UM SAYALA *Lumlum, Alku, Hilla Khater, El Haj Oulad Babay, Um Hammoki villages; Um Sayala is the location of an IDP camp.*

Location 20 kilometers east of Kutum; 5 kilometers west of Um Hiaye, North Darfur

Opened Late 2003

Composition Janjaweed and Sudanese government army troops together total 300

Names of Janjaweed Commanders Yohanes Abdallah Jadallah (Itefat tribe), Illei Ahmed Taher (Jallul tribe), Abdelhazim Ibrahim Abdallah Jadallah (Itefat), Mohamad Saleh Ibrahim Abdallah

Structure Occupied villages, civilians (Tunjur, Mima) driven out

More than one hundred villagers reportedly were killed when the camp was installed, sixty-nine in Lumlum alone. This site was visited by African Union (A.U.) ceasefire monitors on July 11, 2004 (the government of Sudan complained of an attack on their forces at Um Sayala on July 3, but the A.U. ceasefire monitors, after investigation, concluded that no such attack could be verified).

FUNU

Location West of Kutum (location of IDP camp), West Darfur

Opened January 2004

Composition Janjaweed and Sudanese government army troops (separated by a wadi or seasonal riverbed)

Numbers The number of Janjaweed varies but never less than 200; Sudanese government troops, 300.

Structures No tents during the dry season, Janjaweed camp under the trees

Equipment Well equipped, most types of weapons the Sudanese government possesses (sometime brought by helicopter)

Stolen livestock are kept here.

UM HEGLIG

Location Northeast of Mellit (east of Kutum; both locations of IDP camps), North Darfur

Opened January 2004

Composition Janjaweed only, number unknown but high rotation

KUMA

Location 60 kilometers east of El Fasher, Darfur

Composition Janjaweed only, number unknown

Structure Camp installed outside the village of Kuma

ABU JIDAD

Location 60 kilometers south of Karnoi, West Darfur

Opened May 2004

Composition Janjaweed only, no less than 500

Structure Occupied farms (farmers cannot access their houses or fields)

Equipment Many weapons and five vehicles are provided by the Sudanese government.

ISHARAYA

Location 75 kilometers south of Nyala, 3 kilometers north of Buram, South Darfur

Opened May 15, 2004

Composition Janjaweed only, number unknown

Structure Occupied farm villages, civilians (Binga, Mima, Kretch, some Masalit) driven out
Equipment Three or four cars and horses

KURGUE *15 villages, an Extension of Funu camp*
Location 85 kilometers west of Kutum, east of Funu camp, West Darfur
Opened June 2004
Composition Janjaweed only, about 200
Structure Old occupied villages, civilians (Fur, Zaghawa, Tunjur) driven out
Equipment Well equipped by Sudanese government; trucks, horses, and camels

ASSALAYA

Location East of Nyala, 40 kilometers west of Ed Da'ain, 5 kilometers north of an Sudanese government army base, South Darfur
Opened July 2004
Composition Janjaweed and Sudanese government army troops, numbers unknown
Structure Airstrip for helicopter
Equipment Same as government army troops

RAZALLAH JAWAZAT

Location East of Nyala, 8 kilometers west of Ed Da'ain
Opened July 2004
Composition Janjaweed only, 200
Structure Occupied villages, civilians (Borgo, Bergid, Sam Tama, Berti) driven out
Equipment Vehicles, horses, and some camels

TAISHA

Location 17 kilometers east of Nyala (IDP camps in Intifida and Kalma, east of Nyala), west of Labadu, South Darfur
Opened July 2004
Composition Janjaweed only, number unknown
Structure Occupied villages, civilians (Dayo ethnic group) driven out

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