

# Sudan Crisis

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more support," Swango said. "America should play a role with the rest of the world as a part of a coalition."

According to the U.N., Genocide is a word that carries considerable international weight. The U.N. Convention on genocide said that under international law, the systematic destruction of one race is a crime.

One hundred and thirty four countries have signed the convention, which requires them to attempt to prevent and punish acts of genocide.

Ryan Council, a Regent University student studying film, suggested that America strongly consider a peaceful solution. "I don't necessarily think we should go to war about it," Council said. "If that's what it comes to, fine, but I think we need to try mediation."

Members are now faced with how to respond to the situation in Darfur. While the war rages, there are at least 1.2 million Sudanese refugees. Of those displaced, 400,000 are starving with the number growing daily, according to U.N. estimates.

Of the refugees USAID interviewed, 61 percent had witnessed

a family member murdered and one-third reported hearing racial slurs. Racial comments such as "Slaves, run! Leave the country. You don't belong; why are you not leaving this area for the Arab cattle to graze?" were said to a Zaghawa refugee interviewed in Kounoungo.

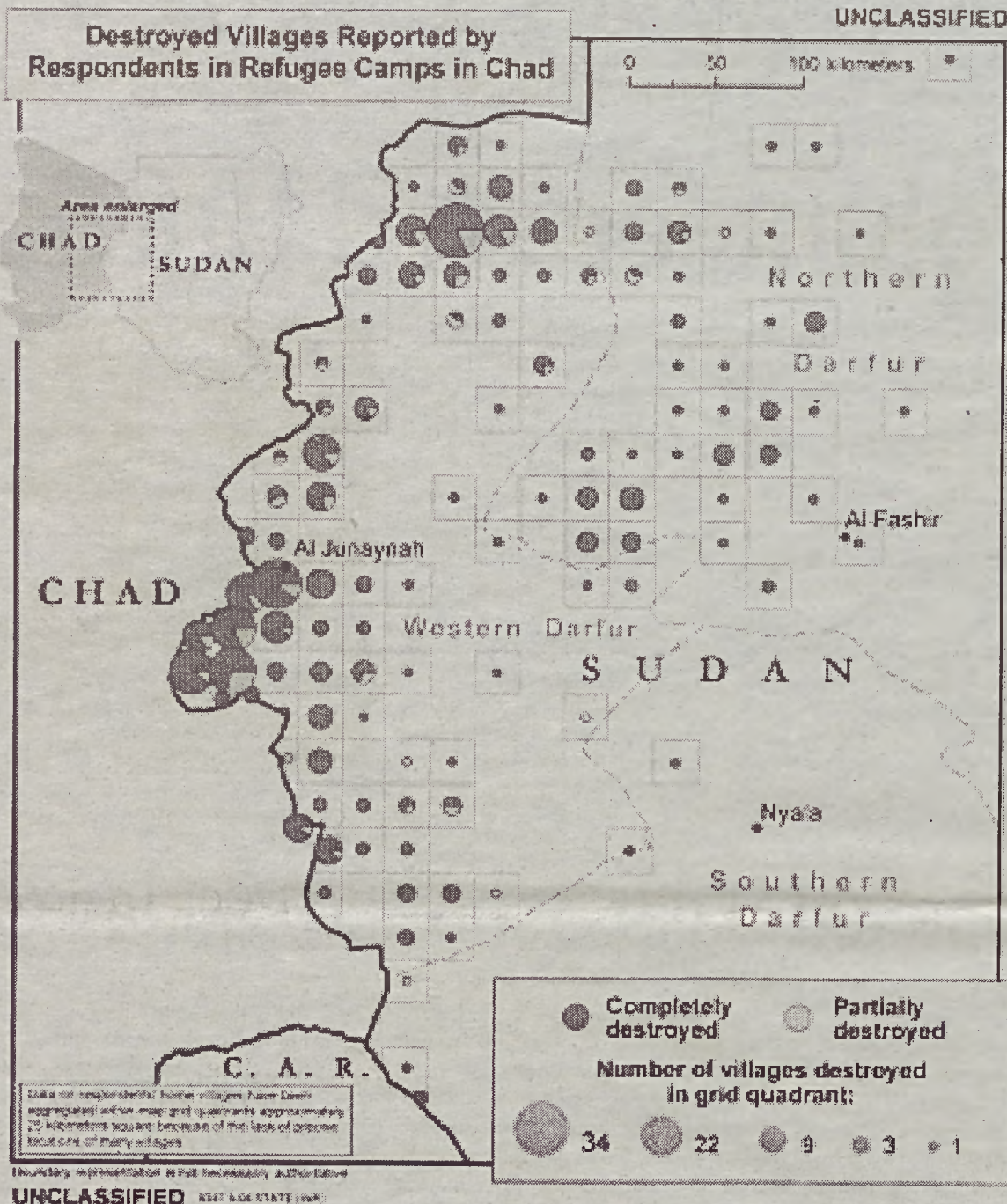
The credibility of the USAID report has been brought into question by the GOS. In many press releases, the GOS has attempted to outline reasons to doubt the U.S. claim of genocide.

An Oct. 22 press release explained that Dr. Abu AlFattoh, head of the Arab Doctors Union and his team of doctors had toured every refugee camp and seen nothing to support the U.S. claim of genocide.

"We found no evidence of genocide, ethnic cleansing or mass rape," AlFattoh said.

In another press release, Sudan Ambassador Khidir Haroun Ahmed attacked the USAID report, pointing out that the team only visited refugees in Chad and had not even visited Darfur. Refugees in Chad, he claimed, are under the influence of anti GOS rebels which biased the interviews.

"The influence of the rebel movement on the outcome of the American investigation cannot be overstated," Haroun said.



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