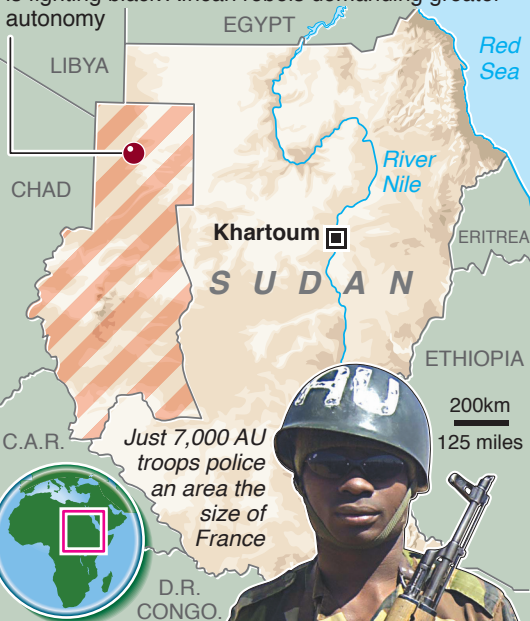


Darfur – catastrophe in the making

Ongoing violence has prevented food aid from reaching 355,000 people in Darfur since the Sudanese government and rebels signed a peace agreement in May. Nearly three million people in the region depend on international aid for food, shelter and medical treatment

Darfur: 200,000 killed, 2.5 million displaced since 2003. Government-backed Arab **Janjaweed** militia is fighting black African rebels demanding greater autonomy



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