

# UN approval for Darfur peacekeeping force

The UN Security Council has authorised a massive peacekeeping force for Darfur to help end four years of rape and slaughter of civilians in the vast Sudanese region. The 26,000-strong UNAMID, when fully deployed next year, will be the largest peacekeeping operation in the world

**Darfur:** Over 200,000 killed, 2.5 million uprooted since 2003. Arab government and *Janjaweed* militia are fighting black African rebels demanding share of country's wealth

EGYPT

LIBYA

CHAD

Khartoum

SUDAN

ERITREA

ETHIOPIA

Red Sea

River Nile

200km  
125 miles

▶ Force will consist of up to 19,555 military personnel, 2,660 special police officers and 3,772 international police

▶ Will replace 7,000 African Union troops no later than December 31

▶ Authorised to use force to protect UN personnel, aid workers and civilians

▶ UN will retain overall control of "predominantly African" force. Nigerian commander responsible for day-to-day operations

▶ Will be accompanied by stepped-up efforts to get combatants to peace table and end conflict

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