

# Warrant issued for arrest of Sudan president

The International Criminal Court has issued an arrest for President Omar al-Bashir of Sudan, charging him with war crimes and crimes against humanity for alleged atrocities in Darfur. He is the first sitting head of state to be charged by the ICC



**Darfur:** Up to 300,000 killed and 2.2m internally displaced since 2003



**Khartoum:** Amid fears of retaliation, security around embassies increased



## CRITICAL TIMES FOR SUDAN

- **2003:** Start of Darfur rebellion
- **2005:** 22-year civil war with south Sudan ends with both sides forming shaky coalition government
- **July 2009:** Deadline for first free elections since 1986
- **2011:** Referendum on self-determination for south Sudan

*Confidence-building agreement signed between government and Darfur's rebel **Justice and Equality Movement** in February now looks likely to collapse*