

# Destabilizing Sudan: US Weapons for SPLA Freedom Fighters

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## Imperialism stretches to Sudan

Following the blood letting in Iraq the U.S. government seems all the more insistent on its global hegemonic ambitions. An estimated one million people being displaced and tens of thousands being killed.

There has been pressure largely driven by the international community, and ironically America in particular, to act in order to prevent a catastrophe. The Americans have laid the blame for the events in the Darfur region squarely at the doorstep of the Sudanese government.

Such an outcry from the U.S. and Western governments would seem to imply that the situation in Sudan was its own making and not through outside interference. However the situation is far from that, and the Americans have been actively stoking the flames for many years.

Comments from American officials shed light on American policy in Africa. Speaking at a Washington forum, Congressman Edward Royce (chair of the House of Representatives subcommittee on Africa) added: "African oil should be treated as a priority for U.S. security post-September 11." The United States already gets 17 per cent of its imported oil from sub-Saharan Africa.

This figure is increasing with the commencement (one year ahead of schedule) of the pumping of oil in October 2003 from Chad through the new Chad-Cameron pipeline, a project backed by a consortium of Exxon Mobil, Chevron Texaco.

Analysts are forecasting that within a decade that figure will rise to nearly 25 per cent.

Where there is oil the stench of American imperialism soon follows.

Like an unrelenting blood hound the Americans sniff for oil and leave a trail of blood and carnage. Recent historical facts show that the U.S. government has for many years actively funded a terrorist rebel militia in the south, the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), to fight against the Sudanese government. This group has committed untold atrocities. There is a stark comparison between the events in Sudan with U.S. actions in South America.

Remember the scenario - a rebel group being trained and armed by the CIA to topple a sovereign government, cross-border incursions from secluded camps, and the whole de-

stabilisation exercise backed by international sanctions and a massive propaganda campaign. It sounds like Nicaragua or Angola circa 1984. This time it's Sudan. Such is the complicated and devious nature of America's imperialist games.

They stoke the fires of death and destruction, often when the enemy is no more than a puppet, in order to bring about a climate for political change, which they then fashion by their own hands under the guise of 'humanitarian intervention' for their own financial gain. This all brings us to the current reality in Darfur which has been in the making for some time. In November 2002 America instituted The Pan-Sahel Initiative which involves military training in Chad (shares a long border with Sudan), Niger, Mali and Mauritania.

The Sudan Rebel uprising in Darfur began in June, 2003, six months after the Pan-Sahel Initiative was initiated. Apparently, the Darfur rebels are still receiving U.S. arms.

Destabilise the country, cry rape and genocide, then invade militarily under the guise of 'humanitarian intervention'. American imperialism at its best.

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