Country Profile: Sudan

Sudan is a diverse, developing country in northeastern Africa. The capital city is Khartoum. The civil war between the northern and southern regions, which began in 1983, ended in 2005. A multi-party conflict continues in the west in Darfur, and the armed Ugandan group known as The Lord's Resistance Army is present in the south. Security conditions are adverse in these and some other regions. Transportation networks and other forms of infrastructure are poor and do not meet western standards. Even where available, water and electric services suffer frequent outages. Read the Department of State Background Notes on Sudan for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

Country Names	Sudan
Country Name:	Sudan
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Khartoum
Boundary Countries:	Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Uganda
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Allan Woodruff Medical Center, Doctors Clinic, Fedail Medical Center, Ibn Khaldoon Hospital, Khartoum Clinic, Modern Medical Center, Sahiroon Specialised Hospital.
Main Cities:	Khartoum, Kassala, Bor, Juba, Nyala, Malakal, Waw, Kusti, Wad Madani, Omdurman, Atbara, Port Sudan, Al Fashir, Al Qadarif, Al Ubayyid, Hala'ib, Wadi Halfa'.
Country Size:	2,505,810 sq km
Population:	40,218,456

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Arabic (official), Nubian, Ta Bedawie, diverse dialects of Nilotic, Nilo-Hamitic, Sudanic languages, English note: program of "Arabization" in process
Currency:	Sudanese Pound (SDG)
Predominant Religions:	Sunni Muslim 70% (in north), Christian 5% (mostly in south and Khartoum), indigenous beliefs 25%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 1 January (1956)
Economic Status:	Sudan's economy is booming on the back of increases in oil production, high oil prices, and large inflows of foreign direct investment. GDP growth registered more than 10% per year in 2006 and 2007.
Security:	Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF): Land Forces, Navy, Air Force, Popular Defense Forces; Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA): Land Forces.

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Major Airports:	Airports: 101, Airports w/paved runways: 16

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