



darfur australia network

# Newsletter



## Director's roundup

Welcome to the Darfur Australia Network's (DAN) first edition of our new online newsletter. We have had dedicated volunteers, who over the last few weeks have been working to get this newsletter out to you, and I thank them for their efforts.

In this May issue, we round up news events, our peace building training, and the Sudan Peace Project event held in the Melbourne City Square. We will also present upcoming events and our Darfur update.

This year, DAN and the international Darfuri community remember 10 years of conflict in Darfur. A decade ago, the world watched on as government-funded militia known as the Janjaweed ('devils on horseback') committed brutal mass killing and destruction throughout the region. The 2004 US Secretary of State, Colin Powell, described these killings as genocide at his United Nations Security Council address. Today, more than 300,000 people have been killed and more than 2.3 million displaced - but still there is no peace in Darfur.

To commemorate the 10 years of conflict in Darfur, DAN has planned a series of events. Our next event will take place on the 30th of May, in partnership with the Castan Centre for Human Rights and the Sudan Peace Project. The event aims to examine and explore the possible role of the Australian Government in this conflict as a member of the UN Security Council. We invite you to attend this speaking forum, details of which can be found in this newsletter.

## DAN Update



### Sudan Peace Project City Event

On Sunday, April 28, around 250 people came together in Melbourne's City Square and CBD for the Sudan Peace Project public event and flashmob, hosted by Jewish Aid Australia's Nuba Now Campaign, with A Billion Little Stones and DAN.

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### Peace-Building Training

Jill Jameson delivered Peace-Building Training for Melbourne's Darfur community on Sunday, 14 April. It was a well attended event which received positive feedback.

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## Darfur: situation update

Darfur still faces a systematic abuse of human rights and the mass displacement of Indigenous people groups. President Omar al-Bashir continues to evade the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide, with international heads of state refusing to cooperate in his arrest.

Despite the international community's Responsibility to Protect Darfur, the UN estimates that more than 300,000 people have been killed, more than 2.3 million internally displaced, and 500,000 made refugees, primarily in Chad. The government and its militias continue to effect ethnic cleansing by attrition and to devastate Indigenous tribal lands. This has led to an escalated displacement rate of more than 100,000 Darfuris this year alone.

[For more information, take a look at this DAN report.](#)

### Connect with DAN

You can now connect with others in the [Darfuri](#) community via Facebook and Twitter!



## Upcoming events



### Panel forum - Sudan, 10 years after

DAN, in partnership with the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law and the Sudan Peace Project, is pleased to present a panel forum on Sudan, 10 years after the conflict began.

The keynote speaker will be Prof. Alex Bellamy, Professor of International Security at the Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University and Non-Resident Senior Adviser to the International Peace Institute, New York.

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**When:** Thursday, May 30, 6pm - 7.15pm  
**Where:** Monash University Law Chambers, 555 Lonsdale St, Melbourne.



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### 10 years after the conflict began....

more than 1.4 million people still live in refugee camps. We are urging the Australian Government to use their position on the UN Security Council to call for a pathway to peace.

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### Volunteers wanted!

Volunteers are vital to our work - we couldn't do what we do without their support.

If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact us.

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### Did you know you can support DAN from as little as \$25?

DAN is raising funds to ensure the continuation of its advocacy and community engagement activities with the Darfuri community in Australia.

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