



Director's roundup

In this spring issue, we highlight several events that we have had the pleasure of being part of or have organised over the last few months. As part of our campaign '10 years on' many of our events have focused on commemorating the 10 year anniversary of the conflict in Darfur in order to raise awareness about the continuing violence in Darfur and other parts of Sudan and advocate justice for a lasting legacy of peace.

We welcome the statement by US ambassador to the UN, Samantha Power, which names the situation in Sudan as a priority and are keen that the Australian government should also raise its voice in the UN Security Council to help bring a peaceful resolution to Darfur. As Australia gets ready to take Chair of this prestigious Council, we, DAN also prepare to take a lobby trip to Canberra to meet with federal members to brief them on the Darfur Conflict and the recommendations that we raise as the voice of the Darfuri community here in Australia.

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DAN Update



Bob Carr Talks Sudan

Foreign Minister Bob Carr spoke on a ABC24 programme 'Our Say' on 6 August about Australia's role and responsibility towards protecting human rights and working towards a lasting peaceful resolution in Sudan.

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Panel forum - Sudan, 10 years after

On 30 May, DAN held a panel event 'Sudan, 10 years after' at the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law in partnership with the Sudan Peace Project with keynote speaker will be Prof. Alex Bellamy.

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Sudanese Rally for peace - Melbourne

On Saturday 29 June, the Sudanese community in Melbourne came together and marched from Federation Square to the State Library, Melbourne, to voice their concern and urge the Australian government to take a stand on escalating violence in Sudan.

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Support us in our campaign and get cooking!

As part of our campaign to mark the 10 year anniversary of the Darfur conflict ten recipes have been shared by Darfuri community members living in Australia to showcase the rich culinary culture of Sudan's Western province.



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Darfur: situation update

In recent weeks there has been a [marked increase in bombing in Darfur](#) particularly in East Jebel Marra by the Sudanese Air Force in Darfur. [Other attacks](#) involve tribal warfare and violent attacks by the government militia and in East Darfur an estimated [144,000 people have been displaced](#) since renewed fighting broke out in August.

At the same time there have been [repeated targeted attacks](#) against humanitarian organisations which has received very little media coverage including the killing of [two World Vision](#) staff and the [abduction of eight Red Cross employees](#) in Central Darfur.

The knock-on-effect of these attacks and deaths has seen humanitarian organisations reducing their operations, which is compromising health care and other humanitarian efforts in the already deteriorating conditions in Darfur. In the last week residents of Tawila locality in North Darfur have complained anew about the [absence of medical treatment and lack of medicines](#) after the only organisation working in the region, Médecins Sans Frontières withdrew from the locality two weeks ago.

The recent announcement of the President Omer Hassan Al-Bashir that the armed rebellion and [tribal clashes will be brought to an end by the end of 2014](#), saying that the 2015 general elections will be held in a Sudan that is free of wars brings little consolation or confidence in a country that has seen ongoing conflict in the last decade.

In July 70 Sudan experts and human rights groups from Africa, Europe and North America sent a [letter to the United Nations Security Council](#) outlining various stages since the conflict began in Darfur in 2003, the failure of the international community to keep pace with the changes and the urgent need for "the UN Security Council to consolidate its approach on Sudan to more effectively support the development of a just peace."

Connect with DAN

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



Upcoming events



Peace Festival - 3 November 2013

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Darfur conflict, DAN is organising a peace festival. This event will take place on 3 November (tbc) in Dandenong to celebrate the Darfuri culture and to promote peace within the community.

If you have any ideas, or would like to contribute to the festival in some way, contact luse@darfuraustralia.org or visit our [website](#).



Workshop - Peacebuilding - 10 November 2013

DAN is delighted to announce that, following the success of our peacebuilding workshop in May a further training will be held on 10 November at Ross House, Melbourne. This interactive workshop is designed to explore ideas and skills in the field of conflict transformation.

For more details or to attend, contact luse@darfuraustralia.org or visit our [website](#).



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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