

Ceasefire Agreement between the Government and the Sudanese Liberation Movement (SLM) in Darfur

3 September 2003

In the interest of calm conditions and the restoration of security in the state of Darfur and in order to avoid negative and destructive complications as a result of the war and the desire of the two parties for a convergence of views and reconciliation, the Sudanese Government (hereby referred to as the 'First party') and the Sudanese Liberation Army (hereby referred to as the 'Second Party') assembled their forces in the following areas:

- a. The area of Dar Zaghawa
- b. The area of Jabal Si
- c. The area of Jabal Maydub
- d. The area of Jabal Marra
- e. The area Murni

The two sides assembled under the supervision of the Chadian government (hereby referred to as the 'Third Party'). Sponsored by the kind invitation of President Idriss Deby, the following has been agreed:

Item one:

Ceasefire between the two sides and a cessation of all aggressive operations that will lead to aggravations.

Item two:

[Take] command and control over irregular armed groups in the theatre of operations.

Item three:

Release all prisoners of war, those arrested, and those linked to this issue from both sides.

Item four:

Assemble Sudanese Liberation Army forces in the locations delimited by both sides.

Item five:

The two sides commit to laying the foundations for lasting and comprehensive peace in the region in order to achieve economic and social development.

Item six:

Form a tripartite commission from the Sudanese government, the Chadian government, and the Sudanese Liberation Army to monitor the implementation of the terms of this agreement.

Item seven:

- a. Begin private negotiations on addendums¹ after (45 days) from the date of signing this agreement to arrive at a comprehensive peace and the hand over of weapons after the final agreement on addendums.
- b. The implementation of these agreement addendums and joint memoranda are implemented as follows:
 1. The ceasefire will enter into force on 6 September at 1800 Sudanese time (1400 GMT).
 2. Determine the locations for assembling forces.
 3. Release prisoners and detainees.
 4. Withdraw groups of irregular fighters at the same time as troop assembly.
 5. Form the tripartite committee 15 days after the start of the ceasefire, authorising the timetable completing the work of the remaining period, until the end of 40 days.

Item eight:

In the event of a dispute over the items in this agreements or the emergence of a problem hitherto unknown, the third party has the task of reconciling the two parties.

Item nine:

This agreement enters into force as soon as it is signed.

This agreement was completed in the city of Aichi, Chad, on the 3 September.

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¹ Translators note: الملاحق also means 'appendices'
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