

Featured Website: On the Ground Reporter (Darfur) – Computer Simulation Worksheet

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Editor's Note: This website contains an online simulation exploring the conflict in Darfur on the western edge of the recently sub-divided country of the Sudan. The following pages include a student worksheet for the simulation and an answer key. Our thanks go out to Mike Farley for submitting this interesting and informative website and activity.

Introduction

When no one else is available to get on-the-ground reports from Darfur (Sudan), you're the person they call. Explore various villages to begin to understand the people, explore the history and culture, and gain a firsthand look at some of the root causes of the hostilities in Darfur. The information you uncover could turn into a rich and compelling news story. (Adapted from the 'Games for Change' website)

Simulation Instructions

1. Go to: <http://www.radiodabanga.org/darfurgame/english/index.html>
2. After each of the 4 missions, complete the questions below using the downloaded reports.



Questions

Mission 1

1. Whose planes bombed the village of Kornoy?

2. According to the old man, who came after the planes and burned the rest of the houses?

3. According to a local nurse, why is it difficult for aid agencies to care for the wounded?

4. Why did the leader of the rebel unit from the SLA believe the Janjaweed are being funded by the government?

5. Who does the government believe initiated the attack?



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6. What are the SLA rebels seeking?



Mission 2

1. Why did the publishing of the 'Black Book' create a shock?

2. According to Bashir al-Turabi, what has been the government's response to the Black Book?

3. According to the member of the Fur tribe, what injustices have his people endured?

4. What does the older fighter state is causing problems within JEM?

5. Approximately % of the country's population lives in Darfur, while a mere % lives in the northern region. Nevertheless, there has never been a president or even minister, while all the more northerners have held these posts.

Mission 3

1. Who does the government representative claim was responsible for the kidnapping of the 9 Chinese?

2. Who does JEM believe were responsible for the kidnappings?

3. According to Jean-Marie Guéhenno, UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, what is hindering the peace mission of the UN and African Union?

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4. Sudan expert Egbert Wesselink states that regular trade does not have a big influence on the war. However, what type of trade does he feel has a strong influence?

5. What does Wesselink state is a barrier for the UN peacekeeping missions?

Mission 4

1. Describe life in the refugee camp.



2. Why are fewer aid agencies helping out?

3. What has Al-Bashir been charged with and by whom?

4. What is Radio Dabanga and what role does it play for the refugees?
