

From the Ramparts
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The Plot Thickens

“Darfur is reported to have the fourth largest copper and third largest uranium deposits in the world. Darfur produces two-thirds of the world’s best quality gum Arabic—a major ingredient in Coke and Pepsi. Contiguous petroleum reserves are driving warfare from the Red Sea, through Darfur, to the Great Lakes of Central Africa. Private military companies operate alongside petroleum contractors and “humanitarian” agencies. Sudan is China’s fourth biggest supplier of imported oil, and U.S. companies controlling the pipelines in Chad and Uganda seek to displace China through the US military alliance with “frontline” states hostile to Sudan: Uganda, Chad and Ethiopia. Israel reportedly provides military training to Darfur rebels from bases in Eritrea, and has strengthened ties with the regime in Chad, from which more weapons and troops penetrate Darfur. The refugee camps have become increasingly militarized. There are reports that Israeli military intelligence operates from within the camps, as does U.S intelligence. Eritrea is about to explode into yet another war with Ethiopia.”

The US’s War In Darfur By Keith Harmon Snow
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The role of US imperialism in Africa is becoming wider known now as the multi-headed hydra of globalism, militarism, neo-colonialism and racism escalates its attempts to wreck havoc on the continent. Things are moving so rapidly they can no longer do it quietly. I have been saying for many years now, the US has Africa in its cross-hairs and is itching to pull the trigger. They plan to bum rush the continent so they can seize, control and expropriate Africa’s rich natural resources and raw materials and use Africa’s geo-strategic location to their advantage.

The corporate mind control apparatus suppresses news about Africa and the rapacious programs of exploitation, predation, depopulation and genocide the West is conducting in our motherland. The Europeans play their divide and rule trump card and rig the games so our brothers and sistahs over there are discombobulated and thwarted in their efforts to be self-determined self-actualized beings in their own lands. Using the bogus War on Terror and the totally disingenuous notion of humanitarianism as pretexts, the Bu\$h administration is attempting to establish a permanent military presence on the continent called AFRICOM so they can have a launching and staging base of operations from whence to do additional dirt.

But the good news is so far the Africans (even some bought and paid for by the CIA) are balking at this program. It remains to be seen how successful they can be in keeping the wolves at arm’s length.

“The Bush administration's new obsession with AFRICOM and its militaristic approach has many malign consequences. It increases U.S. interference in the affairs of Africa. It brings more military hardware to a continent that already has too much. By helping to build machineries of repression, these policies reinforce undemocratic practices and

reward leaders responsive not to the interests or needs of their people but to the demands and dictates of U.S. military agents. Making military force a higher priority than development and diplomacy creates an imbalance that can encourage irresponsible regimes to use U.S. sourced military might to oppress their own people, now or potentially in the future. These fatally flawed policies create instability, foment tensions, and lead to a less secure world. What Africa needs least is U.S. military expansion on the continent (and elsewhere in the world). What Africa needs most is its own mechanism to respond to peacemaking priorities. Fifty years ago, Kwame Nkrumah sounded the clarion call for a 'United States of Africa.' One central feature of his call was for an Africa Military High Command. Today, as the African Union deliberates continental governance, there couldn't be a better time to reject U.S. military expansion and push forward African responses to Africa's priorities. Long suffering the effects of militaristic 'assistance' from the United States, Liberia would be the worst possible base for AFRICOM. But there are no good locations for such a poorly conceived project. Africa does not need AFRICOM."

AFRICOM: Wrong for Liberia, Disastrous for Africa By Ezekiel Pajibo and Emira Woods (July 26, 2007)

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AFRICOM will be the tactical assault arm of US imperialism put in place to work in conjunction with and augment the covert ops and destabilizing economic policies of the IMF, World Bank and US-AID presently employed throughout the continent. In the US a cunning media propaganda campaign to justify military intervention in Sudan has been underway for several years now, while news of covert resource wars in Chad, Congo and elsewhere in the region have been deliberately suppressed. The media's focus in Sudan is on the killing and displacement going on in Darfur. However the media is doing the bidding of the ruling elites, obfuscating the real issues, disguising the real objectives which are to secure, control and expropriate the wealth throughout that region of Africa.

"The Darfur region of western Sudan has been a hotbed of clandestine activities, gunrunning and indiscriminate violence for decades. The Cold War era saw countless insurgencies launched from the remote deserts of Darfur. Throughout the 1990s, factions allied with or against Chad, Uganda, Ethiopia, Congo, Libya, Eritrea and the Central African Republic operated from bases in Darfur, and it was a regular landing strip for foreign military transport planes of mysterious origin. In 1990, Chad's Idriss Deby launched a military blitzkrieg from Darfur and overthrew President Hissan Habre; Deby then allied with his own ethnic group against the Sudan government. Sudanese rebels today have bases in Chad, and Chadian rebels have bases in Darfur, with Khartoum's backing.[GN2] When the regime of Ange-Félix Patassé collapsed in the Central African Republic in March 2003, soldiers fled to Darfur with their military equipment. Khartoum supported the West Nile Bank Front, a rebel army operating against Uganda from Eastern Congo, commanded by Taban Amin, the son of the infamous Ugandan dictator, Idi Amin, who heads Uganda's dreaded Internal Security Organization. Darfur is the epicenter of a modern-day international geopolitical scramble for Africa's resources."

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The West's long range plan is to totally destabilize the whole region, balkanize it and bring it under the sway of the US, Britain, Israel and sordid Western powers. They want it all for

themselves and most importantly they want to minimize the influence of China in the region. But China is not to be denied.

“As for Sudan, as far back as the 1970s, before Sudan's civil war first started, American oil giant Chevron spent \$1.2 billion dollars prospecting for new oil in Sudan. However after being kicked out of Sudan it was only a matter of time before America helped engineer and partly finance Sudan's civil war by backing the Christian rebels. Today what complicates this ugly situation is keen interest from China in Africa. With China's growing energy hungry economy and an increasingly unstable and arguably less predictable Middle East, China wants to dominate and take the largest resource slice out of Africa. Powerful states such as China are anxiously looking to diversify and find new alternative energy sources. China sources an estimated 30% of it's oil needs from Africa. In Sudan it has invested more than \$5 billion dollars as it uses up to 80% of Sudan's daily domestic production estimated anywhere between 500,000-750,000 barrels of oil per day. It is estimated that Sudan holds at least 5 billion barrels of oil, mostly located in the South.”

Darfur: The Colonial struggle over Sudan
<http://www.khilafah.com/kcom/analysis/africa/darfur>

For AmeriKKKa to get its hooks and pipelines into Darfur and Africa as a whole, they'll need a military presence. The bogus Global War on Terrorism provides the pretext for AFRICOM. AFRICOM will be the official US military presence on the continent, a rapid deployment force able to go anywhere to put their foots on the necks of recalcitrant natives the corporate media will brand as “terrorists” simply for having the temerity to demand the right of self-determination and who are willing to fight for their own country! Make no mistake about it, the multi-national corporations already have their private mercenaries on set as protection, but to make sure they can extract and exploit Africa's resources they will need the protection and might of Uncle Sam's killers. Resources are at the heart of the conflicts throughout Africa.



“Resource wars in the Congo (over diamonds and coltran) and in West Africa (over oil) have set the continent on fire. The U.S. has thus far engaged with these conflicts through Africa's national armies, who have increasingly become the praetorian guards of large corporations. None of this can be justified directly as a protection of the extraction of resources, so it has increasingly been couched in the language of the war on terrorism. The Pan-Sahel Initiative (created in 2002) draws U.S. Special Operations Forces to Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger. In 2004, the U.S. extended this to the major oil producing countries of Algeria, Nigeria, Senegal and Tunisia and renamed it the Trans-Saharan Counter-Terrorism Initiative. After 9/11, the U.S. moved a Special Operations Force into a former French Foreign Legion base, Camp Le Monier, in Djibouti. In July 2003, the U.S. earned the right to deploy P-3 Orion aerial surveillance aircraft in Tamanrasset, Algeria. Under the guise of the War on Terrorism, the U.S. government has moved forces into various parts of Africa, where they were able to train African armies and to intervene in the increasingly dangerous resource wars. If the U. S. government is quieter in its approach, right-wing think tanks in the U. S. feel no such compunction. The Heritage Foundation has lobbied for the creation of AFRICOM for several years, and it is arguable that its work moved Donald Rumsfeld to consider an African Command. In a

2003 study entitled 'U. S. Military Assistance for Africa: A Better Solution,' the Heritage Foundation argued, 'Creating an African Command would go a long way toward turning the Bush Administration's well-aimed strategic priorities for Africa into a reality.' Rather than engage Africa diplomatically, it is better to be diplomatic through the barrel of a gun. 'America must not be afraid to employ its forces decisively when vital national interests are threatened.' Nevertheless, the U.S. will not need to always send its own soldiers. 'A sub-unified command for Africa would give the U.S. military an instrument with which to engage effectively in the continent and reduce the potential that America might have to intervene directly.' The AFRICOM would analyze intelligence, work 'closely with civil-military leaders' and coordinate training and conduct joint-exercises. In other words, the U.S. would make the friendly African military forces 'inter-operatable' not only with U.S. hardware but also with U.S. interests. When AFRICOM became reality Heritage's Brett Schaefer welcomed the 'long overdue' move..."

<http://alexconstantine.blogspot.com/2007/08/africa-oil-heritage-foundation-american.html>

Keep in mind that large reserves of oil were only confirmed in the Darfur region within the last several years. As more and more of the natural resources that fuel Western lifestyles and technology are discovered in Africa, the psychopaths will move to instigate and foment more discord and wars to expropriate and exploit them. The plot thickens.