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 TAGS: PHUM, PGOV, PREL, EAID, SU
 SUBJECT: VIOLENCE ESCALATING IN DARFUR: FUR TRIBE ACCUSES GOS

REF: KHARTOUM 1059

CLASSIFIED BY: GGALLUCCI, COM, US EMBASSY, DOS.

REASON: (B), (D)

1. (C) DURING A DECEMBER 10 MEETING WITH POLOFF, [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE FUR TRIBE, [REDACTED] IS
 CONVINCED THAT THE GOS IS MAKING A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE
 THE AFRICAN TRIBES IN DARFUR AND TO "ARABIZE" THE WESTERN
 REGION. HE SAID THAT THE SUDANESE ARMY COULD NOT DEFEAT THE
 SLA, AND THAT GOS ATTACKS IN DARFUR ARE INCREASING AND ARE
 TARGETING CIVILIANS. THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IS WORSENING, HE
 SAID, AND IT IS CRITICAL THAT THERE BE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO
 DISPLACED PERSONS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID. THE SLA AND JEM, HE
 CLAIMED, HAD AGREED TO SECURE THE ROADS IN THEIR AREAS. [REDACTED]
 PROPOSED THAT THE DARFUR NET, [REDACTED] COORDINATE
 HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND SAID THAT STATE MINISTER MOHAMED YOUSEF
 WOULD WORK WITH THE GOS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. TIME, HE EMPHASIZED,

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles Daris, Senior Reviewer

IS CRITICAL. UN AND NGO SOURCES REPORT THAT REBELS PLAN TO ATTACK THE WEST DARFUR TOWN OF EL GENEINA. END SUMMARY.

2. (C) ON DECEMBER 10 POLOFF MET WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF THE TRIBE AND ITS ROLE IN SUDANESE POLITICS, CLAIMING THAT THE TRIBE AND OTHER DARFUR TRIBES HAD BEEN MARGINALIZED BY A SUCCESSION OF GOVERNMENTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PERIOD, AND HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE OVERTHROW OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS. HE CHARACTERIZED THE PRESENT SITUATION AS "CRITICAL," CLAIMING THAT THE GOS AND GOS-SPONSORED JINJAWOOD MILITIA HAD KILLED 8,716 FUR TRIBE MEMBERS SINCE AUGUST 2002. OTHER TRIBES, HE ADDED, HAVE SUFFERED LOSSES AS WELL. IN ADDITION TO THE DEATHS, HE SAID, VILLAGES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, MASSIVE LOOTING HAS OCCURRED, AND CROPS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THE HUMANITARIAN DISASTER WILL CONTINUE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR AS A RESULT, HE SAID. MANY OF THE DISPLACED, HE SAID, HAVE FOUND REFUGE WITH FUR FAMILIES IN MORE SECURE AREAS, BUT THIS HAS PROVOKED ANOTHER HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM AS SANITATION AND FOOD SUPPLY PROBLEMS INCREASE. (NOTE: THE UN HAS CONFIRMED SEEING CIVILIANS WITH SHRAPNEL WOUNDS IN THE REGION.

3. (C) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID THAT THE SLA COULD NOT BE DEFEATED BY THE GOS FORCES OR THE JINJAWOOD. HE CLAIMED THAT THE SLA HAD DEFEATED GOVERNMENT FORCES IN 35 OUT OF 37 FIGHTS, LEADING TO A GOS DECISION TO USE AIR ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIANS AS A WEAPON. HE CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF ARMED HIND HELICOPTERS AT ALL THREE MAJOR AIRPORTS IN THE REGION (NOTE: THE UN ALSO CONFIRMED THIS AS WELL AS THE PRESENCE OF WEAPONS). HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE GOS HAS MOVED DARFURIAN MEMBERS OF THE ARMY OUT OF THE REGION, AS THEIR ALLEGIANCE IS TO THEIR TRIBES. WHEN THE PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH IS SIGNED, HE SAID, THE AFRICAN TRIBES IN DARFUR FEAR THAT THE GOS WILL SEND MORE OF ITS ARMY TO THE WEST TO "CLEAN THINGS UP."

4. (C) [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH SLA AND JEM LEADERS. BOTH GROUPS, HE SAID, HAD AGREED TO SECURE THEIR AREAS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE DELIVERIES WHEN GIVEN 2 DAYS NOTICE BY THE DARFUR NET. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH STATE MINISTER FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS MOHAMED YOUSEF (ALSO FROM DARFUR) ABOUT A SIMILAR GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE. HE BELIEVES THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP AND HAS DISCUSSED IMPLEMENTATION WITH THE UNDP. [REDACTED] EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS URGENT THAT PRESIDENT BESHIR MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT GUARANTEEING SAFETY OF HUMANITARIAN DELIVERIES AND HIS COMMITMENT TO RESOLVING THE DARFUR CRISIS.

5. (C) COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO TRACK DARFUR CONFLICT AND RAISE OUR CONCERN WITH THE GOS. COM HAS ALSO TASKED ALL MISSION COMPONENTS TO FOCUS AVAILABLE ASSETS ON GETTING A BETTER HANDLE ON EVENTS ON THE GROUND IN DARFUR. END COMMENT.

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