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WEST DARFUR / NIGHT PATROL

VIDEO

AUDIO

NARRATION

IDPS IN THE DARK

For the people of Darfur, night time can be a time of dread. (4')

UN/AFRICAN UNION TROOPS
RUNNING WITH WEAPONS

Since 2003, more than 200,000 people, many of them women and children have lost their lives here in fighting that has involved Government of Sudan forces, Janjaweed militia and other armed rebel groups. (14')

MORE UN/AU TROOPS RUNNING

TROOPS IN TRENCHES

Many killings have taken place at night. That's why members of the newly formed UN/African Union force are about to hit the sand trails. (10')

NIGHT PATROL VEHICLES IN THE
DARK

They are going on night patrol – their mission: to protect the people of Darfur. Lieutenant Adeyemo is the Nigerian patrol leader. (9')

LIEUTENANT ADEYEMO ON

ADEYEMO: (English) **M**

"Most of the atrocities are carried out during

CAMERA

the night. Nobody sees you, anyone can climb a horse and run around during the night. But then if we move around in the night, the fact that we are around alone is enough to scare them and then they keep away.” (16’)

NARRATION

UN/AU FORCES GVS

In December 2007, United Nations peacekeepers joined force with African Union troops to quell the violence in Darfur, forming a peacekeeping mission known as UNAMID. (11’)

APC GOING THROUGH CHECK
POINT

They face a challenging task. At check points, peacekeepers were sometimes targeted by Sudanese troops hiding in dug-out trenches in the dark. (10’)

MORE VEHICLE/CONVOY SHOTS

But now, the situation is improving as check point personnel become familiar with the peacekeeping patrols. (7’)

SEVERAL TROOPS WITH UN BLUE
HELMETS IN BACK OF TRUCK

UNAMID peacekeepers can now move freely but they must still contend with the armed groups in the camps. (7’)

APC PREPARING TO TOW THE
VEHICLE

And, the terrain is often difficult. Their vehicles get stuck in wadis - the dry riverbeds that fill with water during the rainy season.(9’)

LIEUTENANT ADEYEMO ON
CAMERA

Adeyemo believes the patrols are a success so far, but more troops need to come. (5.5')

ADEYEMO: (English) **M**

"You never have enough, no matter the number you have, you always need more"(6')

IDPS

NARRATION

The displaced people in the camps say they feel safer, but security remains their main worry, despite the presence of the UNAMID peacekeepers. Community leader, Youssef Abdel Rahman. (11.5')

RAHMAN ON CAMERA

YOUSSEF ABDEL RAHMAN: (Arabic) **M**

"Even with the arrival of the UNAMID soldiers in the town, things have not been stable, but there have been an improvement since the time we had the African Union. We used to hear sudden shooting inside the camp, but with the patrol that has lessened." (20')

UNAMID TROOPS GREETING IDPS

NARRATION

For now, people in the camp keep their lights out trying not to draw attention to themselves as men on horse back and camels roam the camps. (9')

UNAMID TROOPS GREETING IDPS

UNAMID GIVING BREAD TO IDPS

UNAMID currently has some 9,000 peacekeepers spread across this vast territory and, as more arrive, the people of Darfur will finally feel safe again. (12')

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