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## The Darfur Crisis in Sudan and the International Law: A Challenge to the United Nations (UN) and the International Criminal Court (ICC)

*Die Darfur-Krise im Sudan und das Völkerrecht:  
Eine Herausforderung für die Vereinten Nationen (UN) und den Internationalen  
Strafgerichtshof (ICC)*

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### **Abstract**

The state of Sudan has known little peace since gaining independence in 1956. As opposed to the wording of the 2005 signed "Comprehensive Peace Agreement", the country hasn't been repacified in a 'comprehensive' manner, thus far. The State of Sudan is still remains at a crossroads. The atrocities in the western parts of Sudan represents a supreme humanitarian emergency and is therefore not only a test case of international commitment to an emerging norm of humanitarian intervention; but also that of deep concern jeopardizing the achievements in the search of a new constitutional formula suitable to Sudan's distinctive needs. Following his article in this journal (VRÜ 2005/3), the author provides an overview of Darfur's crisis and argues aspects of relevant international law regulations bounded to the protagonists. The international community's feeble response, mainly acting through the United Nations bodies, is also addressed, along with the issues of the ICC-referral and its principle of complementary as well as past, current, and upcoming crucial constitutional and national concerns in this context.