

The Role of the International Multidimensional Peacekeeping Missions in Africa: A Case of Darfur (Sudan)

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ABSTRACT Many countries on the African Continent had experienced serious challenges in as far as the peacekeeping missions were concerned. In the main, this was due to the nature of the conflicts and violence experienced by the citizens of those countries. One of such countries was Sudan, particularly its western region of Darfur. Ever since the name 'Darfur' emerged from virtual obscurity to international headlines in 2004, it has turned out to be identical with war, massacre, and humanitarian crisis. Furthermore, this was despite the international indignation and demands around the globe to end violence, the lethal conflict continued. For the purpose of this study, a qualitative and quantitative design was adopted with an aim of documenting and analysing the impact of peacekeeping missions in Darfur. The study examines and critiques the various challenges as experienced by such missions. Available data indicates those peacekeeping missions in Darfur and their sincere interest and participation in daily community life. The authors argue that there was a dualism of interconnected causes for peacekeeping and the violent situations that prevailed in the area. This dualism was between determinism by the peacekeeping missions versus the conflicting groups.