

**State Failure, Fission,  
and Fusion:  
Anticipating Change in the  
African System of States**

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# Failed State Index

- **Helpful** – warns us that a given state is close to collapse
- **But Limited** – does not explain WHY the state is close to collapse
- **And Possibly Harmful** – since it tends to implant the idea that states thrive or fail but never fade away (i.e. are never divided or absorbed by their neighbors)

# International State System and “Failed States”

- Daniel Thürer, a European jurist, wrote in 1999:

“it is...[now]... normal practice that the territory of a State which is no longer effectively functioning is, in principle, protected by the prohibition of violence under international law (in marked contrast to the position under traditional international law, where the territory would have been left open to conquest by powerful neighbours or other imperialist powers with expansionist ambitions)....the collapse of a State anywhere in the world is seen as a matter for the international community, since the international system as a whole is felt to be endangered if one of its members is seen to be no longer functioning....”

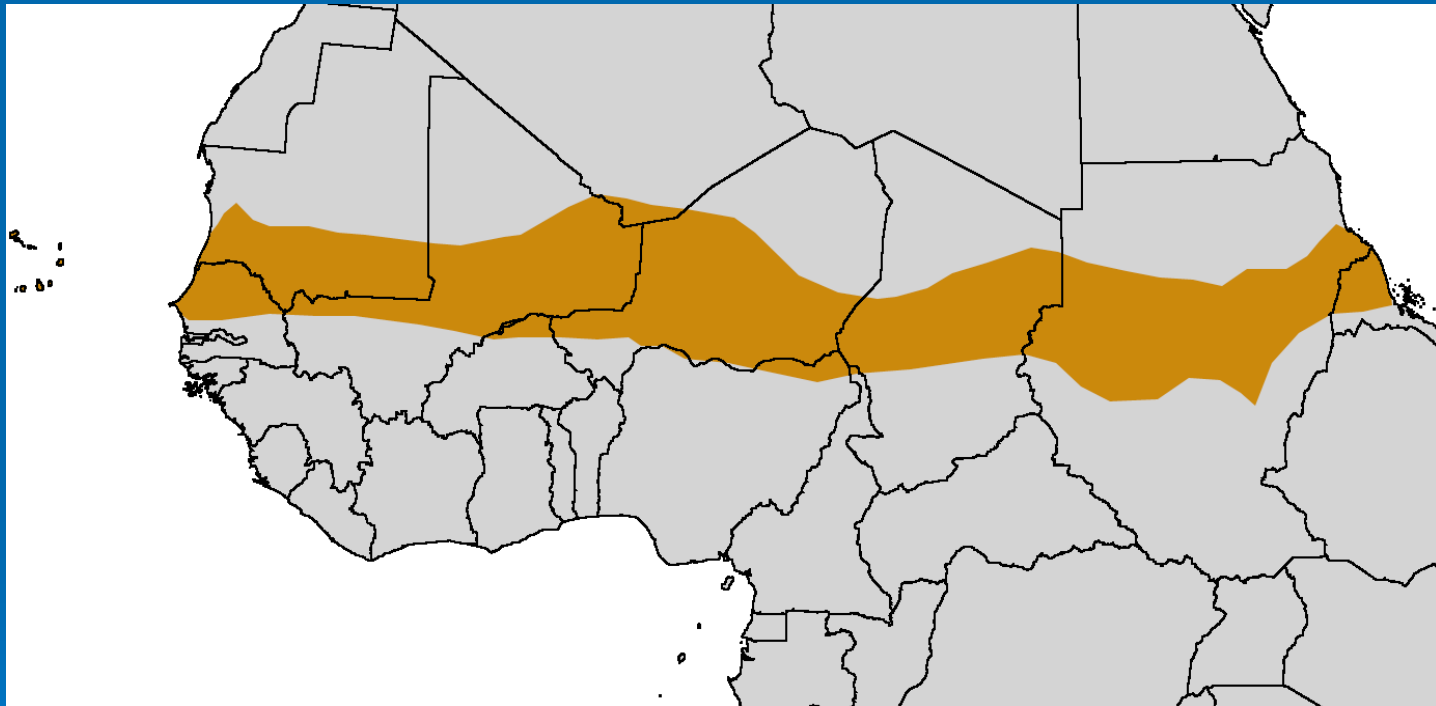
# Alternate Futures for “Failures”

- Restructuring to reduce internal conflict
- Division into smaller, more functional states
  - Ex. Fission of Greater Ethiopia into Eritrea and smaller Ethiopia
- Absorption by a neighbor
  - Ex. Morocco’s absorption of Western Sahara

# Case Studies

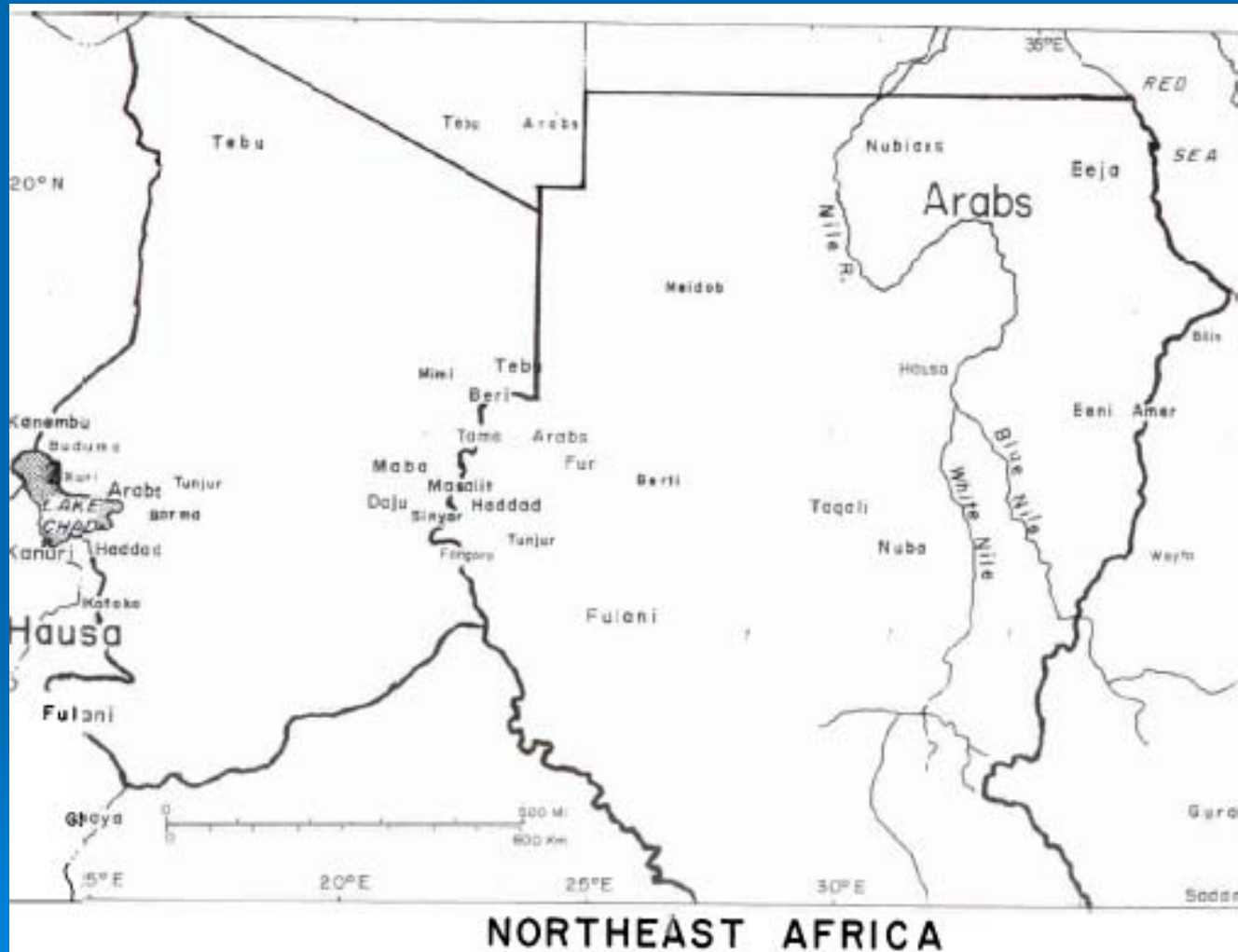
- Identify causes of state failure
  - History of strained relations among citizens
  - Poor economic integration
- Compare two cases:
  - Chad
  - Sudan
- Suggest Solutions or New Approaches

# The Sahel: the wider context of Chad and Sudan / Darfur



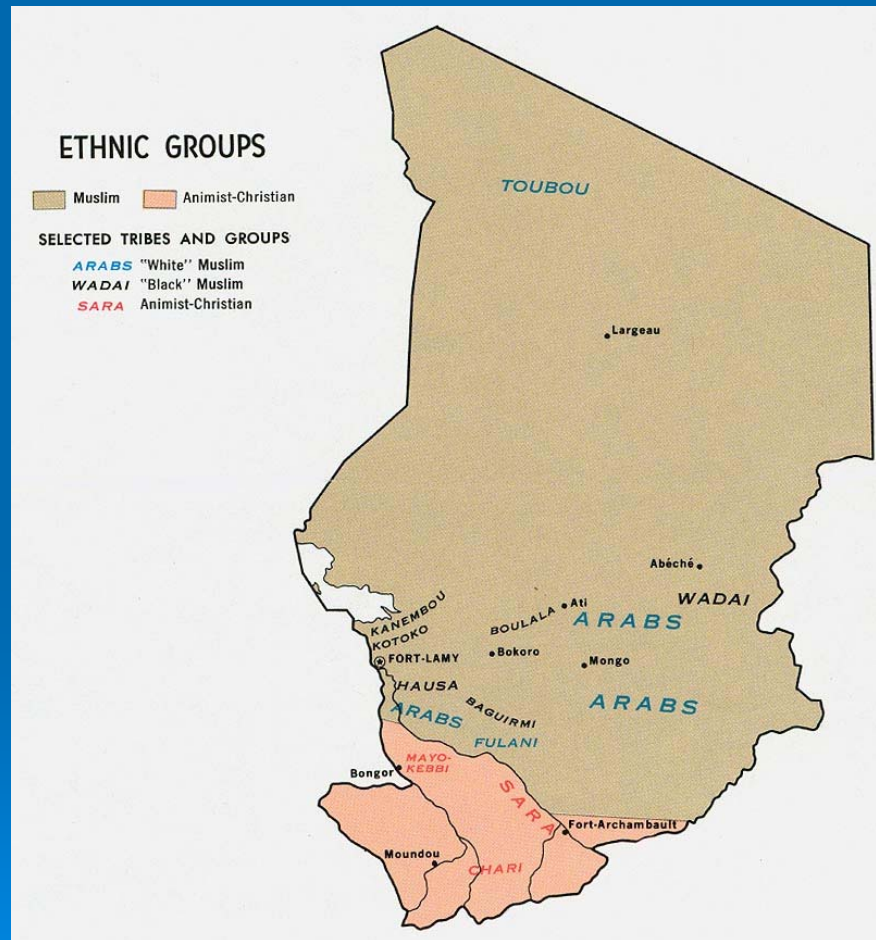
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# Muslim Ethnicities in Chad & Sudan



R. Weekes (ed.) Muslim Peoples. Westport, CN: Greenwood Press, 1984

# Main Ethnicities in Chad



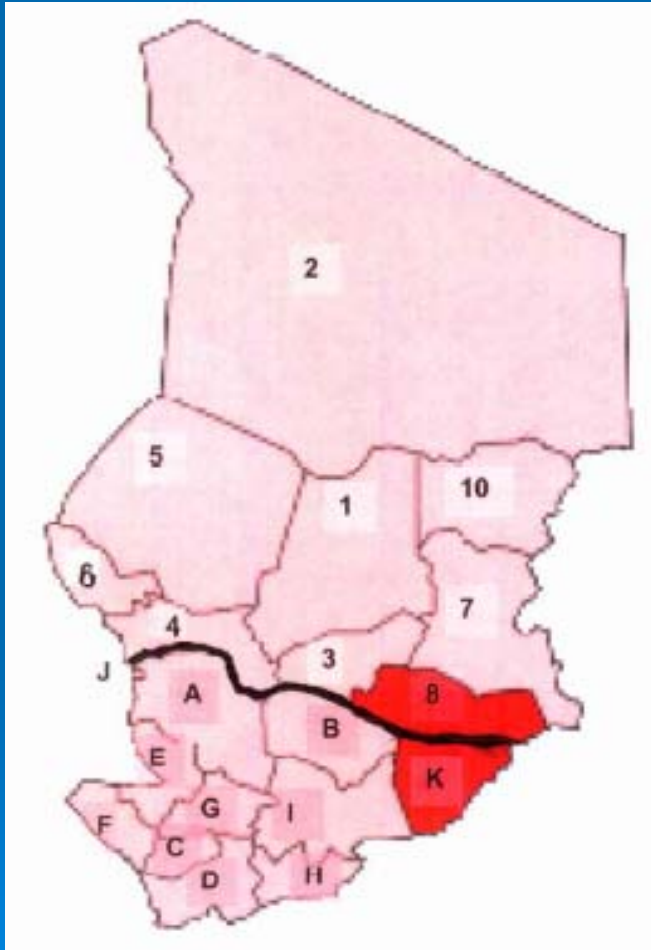
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# Chad – Administrative Divisions



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chad>

# Dividing Chad



- 1 Batha
- 2 Bourkou
- 3 the northern half of Guera
- 4 Hadjer-Lamis
- 5 Kanem
- 6 Lac
- 7 Ouaddai
- 8 the northern half of Salamat
- 10 Wadi Fira

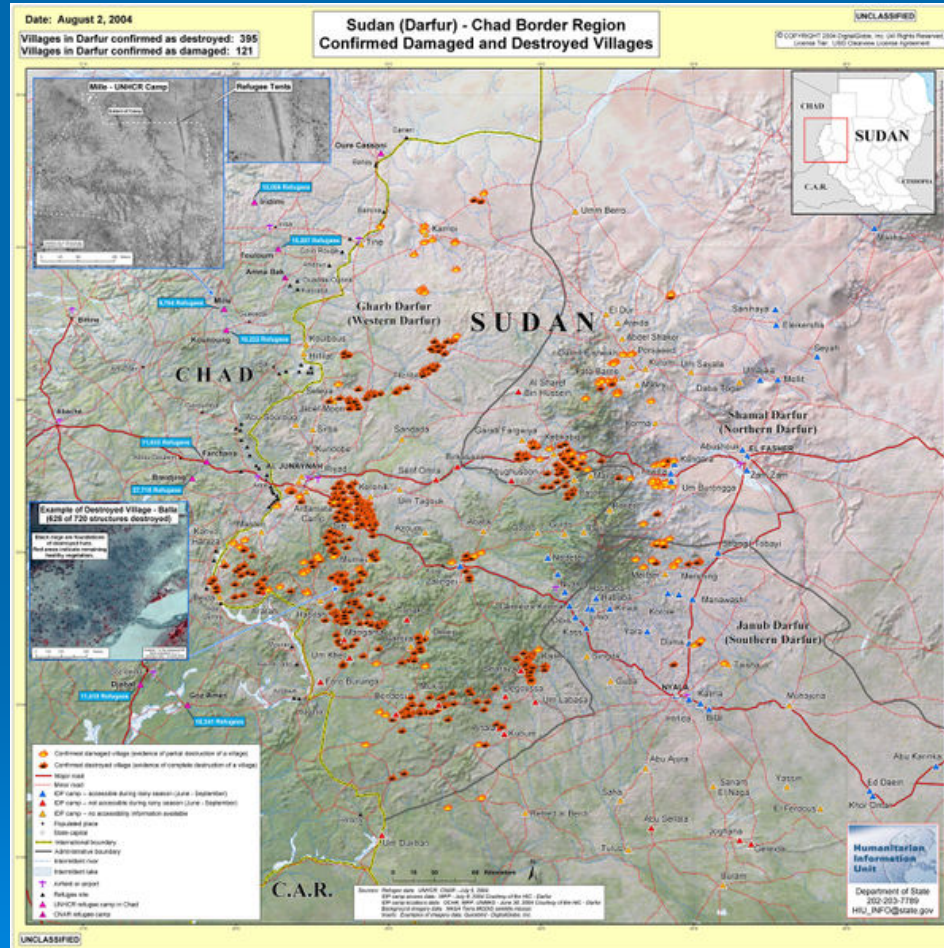
- (A) Chari-Baguirmi,
- (B) the southern half of Guera
- (C) Logone Occidental
- (D) Logone Oriental
- (E) Mayo-Kebbi Est
- (F) Mayo-Kebbi Ouest
- (G) Tandjile
- (H) Mandoul
- (I) Moyen-Chari
- (J) N'djamena
- (K) the southern half of Salamat.

# Sudan / Darfur



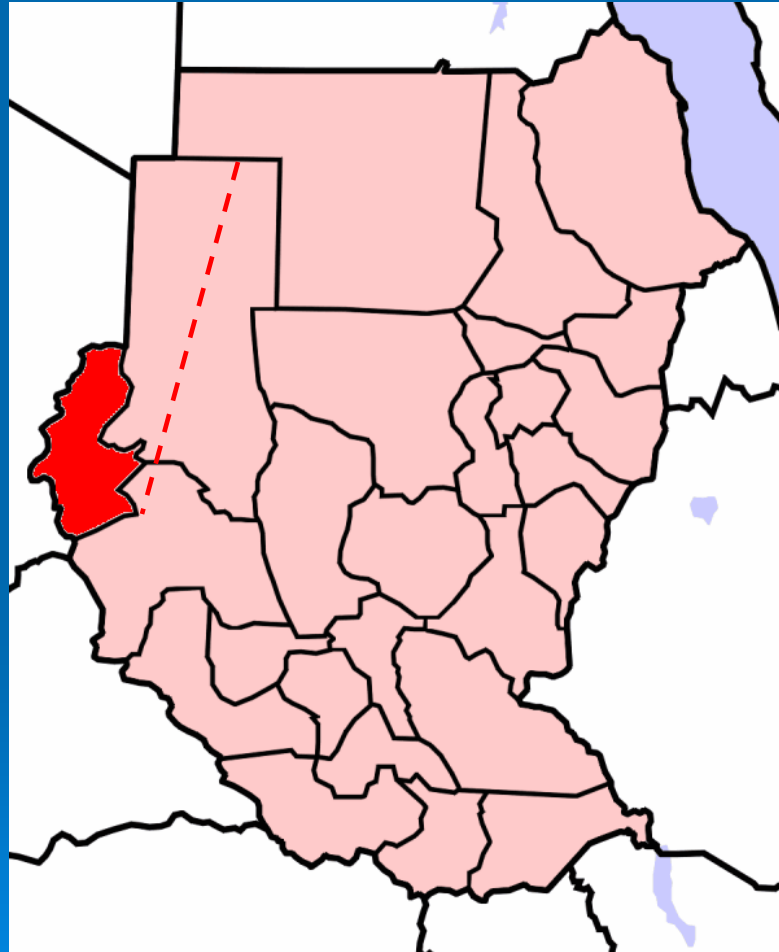
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# Villages Destroyed in Darfur



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# Dividing Darfur from Sudan



# Chad Divided & Sudan Restructured

