

Darfur crisis spreads across borders

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NYALA, Sudan -- There are fears the crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan is bubbling over into another neighboring African nation threatening further instability in the region. U.N. officials report that in the past few months nearly 3,000 refugees from Darfur have fled into the Central African Republic, The BBC reported Friday. The exodus began in May when Sudanese forces unleashed a heavy aerial bombing campaign against the town of Dafak in southern Darfur. According to senior U.N. officials in the Central African Republic, Darfur's rebels have amassed along the border and Arab militia members have also been sighted. Central African Republic has its own internal conflicts and the addition of thousands of refugees from Darfur will likely be a strain on the nation. It may soon press for a security force of at least 500 to keep its borders free from attack, the BBC report said.

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