Glossary

aba diimang hereditary governor of the southwest province of

Darfur under the Sultans

Abbala camel-keeping Arab peoples

abbo uumo hereditary governor of the southeastern province

'abd, abid (pl.) slave

agawid elders, mediators; sometimes used by the colonial

administration to refer to chiefs participating in

inter-tribal mediation efforts.

angarib rope bed
awaid customs

Baqqaracattle-keeping Arab peoplesbeyTurco-Egyptian official/chief

dar abode, land, territory: under Condominium rule,

an ethnic homeland, in which the majority ethnic

group had dominant rights.

dimlij sub-chief in central and northern Darfur

diya blood-moneydurra sorghum

effendi educated man; often used in derogatory way by

colonial officials

falagna agent

faqih holy man (fiki in Condominium documents)

fashirroyal residenceferiqBaqqara cattle camp

fitr Islamic due

firsha district chief among Masalit genabek form of address, 'your honour'

goz area of stabilized sand dunes in Central, Eastern

and Southern Darfur districts

hafir water-yard, underground reservoir

hakimgovernorhakuraland, estatehakumagovernment

jallaba in Darfur refers to riverine traders (*gellaba* in some

Condominium documents)

jibba Muslim robe for men

jizzu seasonal grazing in the northern desert

khashm beits lineage segments

kuttab government elementary school

majlis council, often used for meetings or gatherings

involving local elites and officials

malik king, title for paramount chief common in Northern

Darfur

mandub agentmaqdum viceroymarissa beer

markaz district headquarters

muawin subordinate administrative government official

mudiriyyasub-provincemulahizpolice inspectormuraslamessenger

nahas copper kettle drums, symbol of autonomous leader-

ship

nas ordinary people/subjects

nazir paramount chief, used of Baqqara leaders

qadi judge of Islamic law

shaibas wooden neck restraints for prisoners

sharia Islamic law

shartay district chief, in central and northern Darfurshaykh chief, in Darfur usually referring to village-level

chiefs

sid al-awaid master of the customs

sulh peacesulta powersumda sub-chief

wadi seasonal river, riverbed

wakil deputy

zariba a thorn enclosure, camp

zekaIslamic duezolordinary manzalimoppressorzulmoppressionzurugdark blue, black



Map of Darfur showing colonial administrative divisions and approximate locations of ethnic groups