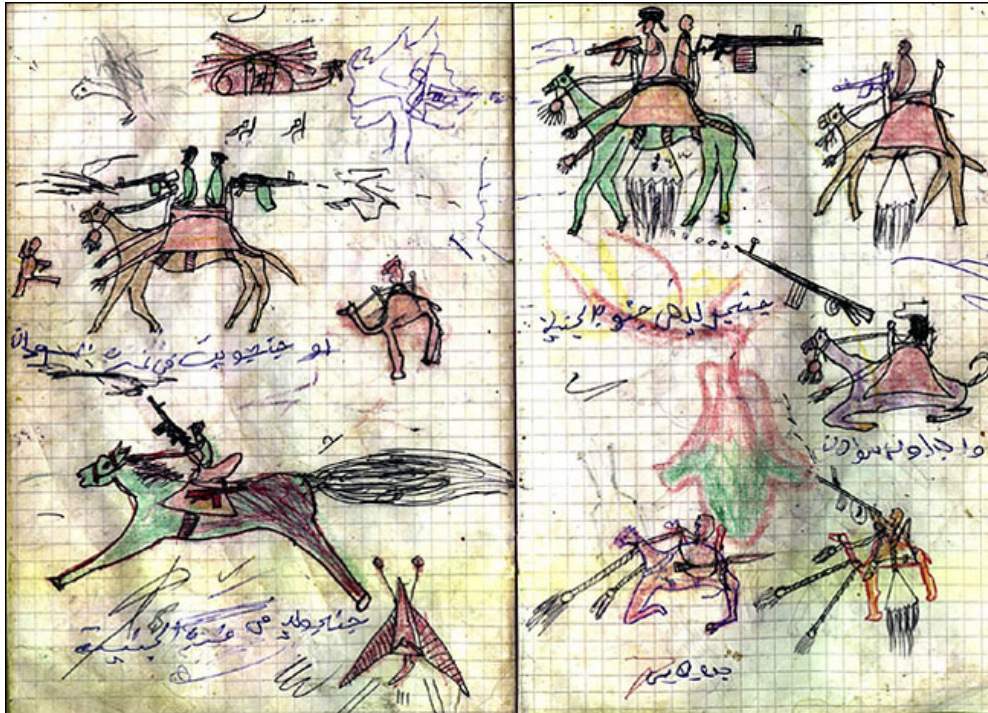


The Smallest Witnesses: Drawings from the Children of Darfur

Multiple panels in sets - please contact the Center for details

Since February 2003, Sudanese soldiers and government-backed armed militia known as Janjaweed have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur. They have waged a campaign of "ethnic cleansing" and forced displacement by bombings and burning villages, killing civilians, and raping women. An estimated 2.4 million people have been forced from their homes and at least 200,000 are dead as a result of the violence.



Shortly after the conflict began, two Human Rights Watch researchers - one a pediatrician, the other a lawyer - traveled to camps along the Chad-Sudan border housing refugee men, woman, and children from Darfur. While interviewing refugees, their children were given paper and crayons to draw whatever they wished. Without any instruction or guidance the children, some as young as 8, began to draw vivid and disturbing scenes of the violence and atrocities they had witnessed: the attacks by the Janjaweed militia, the aerial bombings by the Sudanese government, the rapes, the burning of entire villages and the flight to Chad.

The exhibit, based on these drawings, includes maps and background information on the conflict in Darfur and on the impact of genocide on families and communities.

Exhibit includes:

- * 36 illustrated panels, 8 x 10 or smaller: children's drawings, maps, photographs, mounted but not framed.

- * Brochures