

An end to divide and rule?

The 30-year nightmare of Sudan's dictator, Omer al-Bashir, is over. But the current news is the military is taking over, a move that none of the demonstrators want. At this point no one knows whether the power of the people can remove the Bashir chapter two, or whether a quick transition to civilian rule is possible.

Bashir had held on to power by despotic divide and rule tactics. The demonstrators who brought an end to Bashir, also brought an end of his divisive and oppressive policies.

Four months ago Bashir's regime was preparing for a renewed military offensive against the people of the Nuba Mountains. But due to widespread anti-Bashir demonstrations, troops have had to be deployed elsewhere and the offensive never materialized. Even without the offensive, 300,000 refugees from the Nuba Mountains remain in South Sudan and last year an estimated 30 churches in the Nuba Mountains were destroyed.

With the US revolution, the challenge was not only to shift from British rule to elected American leaders, but also to a system that guaranteed human rights. Eight years after the end of the Revolutionary War the Bill of Rights was passed. Among other rights, our new nation became the first country in world history to guarantee it's citizen's religious freedom.

Like Thomas Jefferson, visionary leaders in Sudan's Nuba Mountains have foreseen that the key to a better future is religious freedoms and education. The founding vision of Kush State University was to start a university with Muslims, Christians and others working in harmony.

I am honored that Kush State University chose Sudan Sunrise two years ago as their overseas partner and that they have now have 195 students studying nursing and 75 studying auto mechanics. In this time of instability, the success of this visionary effort is more important now than ever before. Kush State University can show the rest of



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Kush State University

The outlook is great for the 75 students enrolled in the mechanics program at Kush State University. The student's are confident that steady employment is in their future. In addition to the mechanic students there are 195 students enrolled in the nursing program. They too can see a promising future for themselves.



There are 12 women enrolled in the mechanics program at Kush State. Pictured is Nima Omer.



Khalid Abbas, President of Kush State, said the addition of solar power to the university in December has been a great morale booster. However, due to high enrollment and lack of viable space, student's are still sleeping on the floors of their classrooms. This also means that the registration numbers far exceed enrollment. When I spoke to Khalid he told me there were 307 students registered but they only have room for 75. There just simply is not enough space for everyone. There is

Sudan that the best path ahead is ending divide and rule and bringing a future through cooperation and education.



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Just Fall, That's All

On March 30th, hundreds of Sudanese marched down Market Street and through Union Square in San Francisco to call for an end to the entire Bashir regime. It was a beautiful day in San Francisco and thousands of tourists photographed and video-taped one of the best days of my life. This protest was one of many protests around the world organized by Sudanese in the Diaspora to support the ongoing country-wide protests in Sudan.

Since December 13, 2018, thousands of Sudanese have peacefully protested in Sudan. Dozens have been killed by the regime while hundreds have been detained, tortured, and some of have disappeared without a trace. Absent international pressure, the world will continue to witness tyrannical and violent suppression by the Sudan regime in violation of the Sudanese citizens' rights to peacefully assemble and protest.

The Sudanese American Community represents the Diaspora from all regions of Sudan who are united in their commitment to end genocide and all state-sponsored crimes and to build genuine peace in Sudan.

Manute Bol School

Did you know that there are 1290 students currently enrolled in the Manute Bol School in Turalei, South Sudan? Use the QR reader app on your phone to check out what's going on at this great school ranked third in the state!



hope that they will one day be able to provide better sleeping arrangements, increase the number of classrooms they have and add additional solar panels.

Kush continues to thrive thanks to donors but this is only the beginning and they still have a long road ahead. Their future success still relies on the donations of organizations like ours. All of us here at Sudan Sunrise hope that you will continue to support this wonderful effort by going to <http://sudansunrise.org/projects/kush-state-university/>

Future Generation Primary School



As of the end of February the Future Generation Primary School has been out of food supplies. For the 850 children enrolled in the school this is a big deal. This is the only meal that many of these students get to eat each day.

There are 19 teachers to cover all 850 students. (That's an average of 45 children per adult.) English, math, science, social studies, Christian religion, and mother tongue (Dinka) are all being taught. But as we all know, students that are well nourished stand a better chance of excelling in school. It's hard to concentrate when your stomach is empty.



This Future Generation Primary School student wants to be a pilot when she grows up!

Go to <http://sudansunrise.org/projects/manute-bol-school/> to learn more. Please write us at info@sudansunrise.org if you would like to know how you can help.

However there is good news to report.....This week we will be sending funds for the school to buy food *and* the first round of students will be taking their national exams this year! Head Master, John Awan, is very confident that the kids will do well.

We are currently seeking donors to help cover any gaps in funding so that these kids don't go ever have to go hungry. Please check out

<http://sudansunrise.org/projects/future-generation-primary-school/> if you'd like to learn more about the Future Generation Primary School in Rumbek. Or go to our [donation page](#) to make a contribution or set up a reoccurring donation.

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