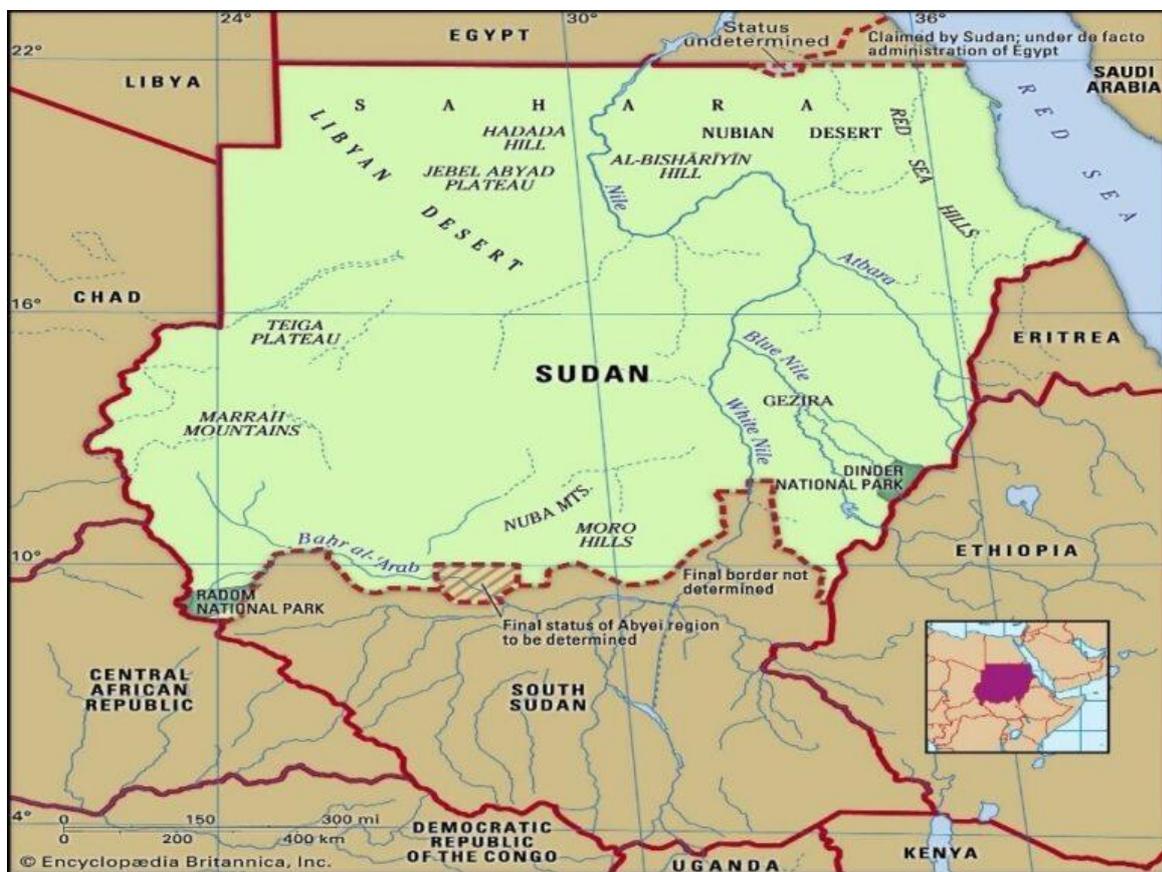


## Place in News - Sudan

**Context:** A significant landslide in the Darfur region of Sudan has resulted in the deaths of over 1,000 individuals, obliterating an entire mountain village within the Marra mountains.



### About Sudan:

- A nation located in northeastern Africa, historically referred to as bilād al-sūdān ("land of the blacks") by medieval Arab geographers.
- Achieved independence in 1956; currently governed by a transitional administration led by President Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan.

**Location:**

- Positioned at the crossroads of Africa and the Arab world, shaped by both Mediterranean and African cultural influences.
- Previously the largest country in Africa prior to the secession of South Sudan in 2011.

**Capital:** Khartoum, situated at the meeting point of the White Nile and Blue Nile.

**Adjacent Nations:** Egypt, Red Sea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Chad, and Libya.

**Key Physical Characteristics:**

- **Mountains:** Marra Mountains in Darfur (volcanic highlands, elevations reaching up to 3,000 m), Nuba Mountains (inselbergs).
- **Rivers:** Predominantly characterized by the Nile system – the White Nile and Blue Nile converge at Khartoum.
- **Landforms:** Expansive deserts in the northern region, sand dunes (Qawz region), Red Sea Hills in the northeast, and clay plains in the south-central area.
- **Soils:** Fertile alluvial clays found in the Gezira plain, contrasting with the arid sandy and rocky deserts.