National Revolutionary Front

The National Revolutionary Front declared itself days after the Nomads and Herders Movement, claiming to have four Land Cruisers and 700–800 fighters armed with AK-47s. The group is located on the fringes of Jebel Marra and reportedly has alliances both with the Sudan Liberation Army in Jebel Marra and the United Revolutionary Forces Front.

A spokesman, Sharaf el Din Idriss, specified that the group’s support base was among the camel-herding Abbala, the core of the government’s proxy militias during the counter-insurgency operations of 2003–04. He said the group’s objectives were ‘to defend our rights as Arab tribes against marginalization by the government and all other parties, and especially to lobby for participation in the peace process’.

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