Democratic JEM (DJEM)

This splinter of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), launched by predominantly non-Zaghawa dissidents in April 2006, grew out of rejection of JEM’s domination by Zaghawa Kobe, including its ‘clannishness’ and nepotism as well as its alleged human rights abuses and ‘security mentality’. DJEM is led by a member of the Meidop tribe, Idriss Ibrahim Azraq, and participated in peace talks in Sirte, Libya, in October 2007. Azraq’s deputy, Ibrahim Abdalla, a Fellata (Sudanese of West African origin), left the group in April 2010 over the group’s decision to boycott the Doha peace talks. The group is diaspora-based, favours self-determination for Darfur, and has minimal armed presence in the field. Some claim it has received financial backing from the Sudanese government.

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