

Dear Professional Colleagues and Readers,

One small African country, if very much in the news off late. Sudan, whose capital city is Khartoum, has always had a disturbed past. Power fight within the miliary and para-military force has intensified and has resulted in disturbance within the country.

According to the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, there are around 20,000 Indians living in Sudan. This includes Indian nationals working in various sectors such as oil and gas, construction, engineering, healthcare, education, and IT, as well as Indian business owners and their families. These families are stuck in the struggle of the country and facing acute shortages of basics necessity. Indian government considering the situation has launched a military operation to evacuate Indians from Sudan. I was wondering, why Indians travel to such a small country. There are several reasons:

Employment: Many Indians go to Sudan to work in various sectors such as oil and gas, construction, engineering, healthcare, education, and IT.

Education: Some Indians go to Sudan to pursue higher education in universities and colleges located in the country.

Trade: India has long-standing economic ties with Sudan and is one of the major trading partners of the country. Many Indian traders and businessmen travel to Sudan to explore business opportunities and expand their businesses.

Diplomatic relations: India maintains diplomatic relations with Sudan, and there are Indian diplomatic missions located in the country. Indian diplomats and officials travel to Sudan for official purposes.

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It's worth noting that the number of Indians going to Sudan has decreased in recent years due to the political and economic instability in the country. However, there is still a significant Indian community in Sudan, especially in the capital city of Khartoum.

In addition, there were concerns about the use of excessive force by the Indian Army during the operation. Some human rights groups raised concerns about the possibility of human rights violations, including the mistreatment of suspects and the use of torture to extract information.

We are sure the Indian military will complete the task and will safely ensure the Indian diaspora returns safe and secure.

Further, I would like to take this as an opportunity to announce certain upcoming events:

11 families of our association will be traveling to Association's first-ever International picnic to Jordan. I am hopeful, that everyone will enjoy the warm welcome of Jordanian. I am sure members will enjoy the sand dunes of Wadi Rum and the lost city of Petra.

Events in retrospect:

By the time you must be reading this, we would have concluded Ramat-ji-Ramjat. The program was received very well. 500+ members along with their families took part in the program with never seen before enthusiasm. Participants were grouped into 8 zones and they fought for the title. The games were a mix and match of outdoor games and indoor games and the entire CVO family enjoyed them.

Thank you all..... Always in Gratitude

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