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# Global Advisory Report

## Outrageous Duality: UAE's Covert Role in the Sudanese Conflict.

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## **Introduction:**

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) finds itself entangled in the complex web of the Sudanese civil war, operating discreetly under the guise of a humanitarian mission. This report sheds light on the UAE's extensive involvement in supporting the Rapid Support Forces (R.S.F.), a powerful paramilitary group implicated in atrocities during the conflict.

## **Airlifting Controversy:**

The UAE's extensive airlifting to Amdjarass in north-eastern Chad has raised eyebrows, with recent reports strongly suggesting that this operation serves as a cover to supply missiles and drones to the R.S.F. - a major player in the Sudanese civil war. Despite the lack of a clear explanation from Abu Dhabi, mounting evidence points to a covert military operation.

## **Elaborate Covert Operation:**

Under the pretext of refugee assistance, the UAE is running a sophisticated covert operation in Sudan's brutal civil war. An airfield and hospital in a remote town across the Sudanese border in Chad serve as the epicentre of this operation, with cargo planes from the Emirates landing daily.

## **Humanitarian Discourse vs. Military Support:**

While the UAE insists that its operation is purely humanitarian, the evidence suggests otherwise. The discourse aligns with the narrative of providing aid to Sudanese refugees fleeing ethnic violence in Darfur. Yet, the reality on the ground contradicts this narrative, with only a fraction of refugees registered in Amdjarass.

## **Global Energy Significance:**

The UAE's aid mission serves as a smokescreen for its military support to Lt. Gen. Mohamed Hamdan, also known as Hemedti, the leader of the R.S.F. The Emirati weapons, including armed drones and anti-tank missiles, are fuelling the conflict, contributing to the assault on a fortified Armoured Corps base in Khartoum.

### **Dubious Diplomacy:**

As the UAE actively positions itself as a key player across Africa, it engages in dubious diplomacy in Sudan. While formally pushing for peace as a member of the Quad, the UAE's weapons paradoxically fuel the conflict, exemplifying an outrageous duality of a country claiming to talk of peace while actively contributing to war.

### **Expansion and Motivations:**

The airfield's expansion in Amdjarass indicates a sustained effort by the UAE, and the motivations behind doubling down on General Hamdan remain puzzling. The UAE's interest in Sudan as a potential source of food, coupled with the desire for a Red Sea coastline position, underscores its strategic ambitions. Additionally, Middle East rivalries with Egypt and Saudi Arabia contribute to the complexity of the situation.

### **Conclusion:**

The UAE's involvement in the Sudanese conflict reveals a disturbing duality, where a nation ostensibly engaged in humanitarian efforts is, in reality, fuelling the very conflict that forces Sudanese refugees to flee. As the international community grapples with the nuances of this situation, the UAE's covert role raises questions about the intersection of humanitarian aid, military support, and geopolitical ambitions in the context of complex regional conflicts.

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