

Up in Flames: Towns Bombed and Homes Torched in South Kordofan Satellite Sentinel Project
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Thousands of vulnerable civilians in Sudan's South Kordofan state are fleeing as a wave of aerial bombardments and a series of ground attacks sweep Buram and Dilling counties. Clashes between the Sudanese government and the Sudan Revolutionary Front, or SRF, rebel coalition have

[recently intensified in the area](#)

, and South Kordofan Governor Adam Al-Faki has vowed to conduct a “

[comprehensive cleanup campaign](#)

” against the rebels. The Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North, or SPLM-N, says that attacks in South Kordofan between November 21 and 25

[displaced some 25,000 civilians from the Nuba Mountains](#)

Amid these developments, the Satellite Sentinel Project has acquired the first satellite images showing bomb craters in Buram county and burned dwellings in Dilling county. (see map in Image 1)

In Buram county, DigitalGlobe confirmed a widely-reported aerial bombardment with satellite evidence of a new crater that appeared between November 13 and 19, 2013 in the village of Tanasa. (see image 2) A ground source described “huge” and “parachuted” bombs in Tanasa on November 17. This satellite imagery independently corroborates the

[graphic online video](#)

that has been circulating in the public domain. According to

[news reports](#)

, [two children were killed and a third was injured in the attack](#)

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[press release issued by the SPLM-N](#)

also confirmed the Tanasa bombings. (...)

DigitalGlobe satellite imagery from Kundukr corroborates reports of fighting in the area between November 21 and 25 that had been confirmed both privately by ground sources and [publicly by Arnun Ngutulu Lodia, a spokesman from SPLM-N](#)

. Reports indicated that shelling and air strikes killed more than 20 people and injured 18 in the group of nearby towns that included Kundukr West, Kundukr East and Shingel. More than 12 people were reportedly kidnapped, and 3,720 people were displaced in the attacks. The area sustained heavy damage, with 900 homes looted, burned, or destroyed, and more than 150

farms burned.

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