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end in the Troops! is a common plea one hears when unspeakable acts of violence such as genocide and ethnic cleansing take place. Even now, as the Sudanese government has expelled crucial humanitarian organizations helping the myriad of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the Darfur conflict, many voices rise again to call for protection of those civilians targeted by their own government to be obtained by means of physical force, if necessary. Indeed, once much of the public hears that some troops will be sent, the mere act of ordering military force seems to appease the collective conscience, as if it meant the solution of the problem. But as Victoria Holt and Tobias Berkman have expertly pointed out in the 2006 Stimson Center manuscript he Impossible Mandate, sending in the troops represents only the beginning of a commitment and not the solution of the problem in and of itself. ()

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Impossible Mandate? Military Preparedness, the Responsibility to Protect and Modern Peace Operations: http://www.stimson.org/fopo/pdf/Complete_Document-TheImpossible_Mandate-Holt_Berkman.pdf