

Decrypting Sudan's Military Maze: Digging Up Causes & Consequences
Insights from a committee's heated discourse which unraveled Sudan's complex military
landscape while exploring its roots, ramifications and possible solutions.

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Agenda: Deliberation upon Sudan Crisis.

“It was not well to drive men into final corners; at those moments they could all develop teeth and claws.” ~Stephen Crane.

The 3rd edition of Aspiratio-The Discipulo MUN scheduled for 6th and 7th of July kicked off at 9:30 AM with the Opening Ceremony. There was the lighting of the lamp, a speech by the MUN Incharge, Ms. , a fluid and spellbinding dance performance which ended with a speech by the Secretary General, Ms Khushboo , who declared the conference open. The delegates were then guided to their respective committee venues. The delegates of UNSC were assigned the Library as their venue which was rather ironic considering there were a few bold delegates whose voice boomed across the room while some were barely audible.

The delegates spared no time and instantly started getting along with each other while gaining each other's support which proved fruitful in the committee. The EB then started off with the Roll Call where the delegate of Saudi Arabia raised a POO when the delegate of Australia marked himself as “Present and Voting” asking the EB to reconsider this and only allow the original member countries to vote. This was declined by the EB but it showed how confident, well researched and attentive the delegate was. After the completion of the roll call, the delegate of China raised a motion to establish the agenda for the committee “...Deliberation over the Sudan crisis with special emphasis to division of military power and roles....” The motion passed and the GSL began. There were some interesting GSL speeches and POIs. Like the delegate of Ireland accused Sudan of “... triggering the principles of International Humanitarian Law and Laws of the War...” and superpowers, namely Russia and USA, of trying to get hold of ports on the Red Sea while taking advantage of the current position of Sudan.

After a few GSL speeches the delegate of Saudi Arabia raised a motion to move into a moderated caucus on the topic “root causes and effects of the crisis.” This motion passed. Once again the committee did not disappoint. There were several POIs raised, each of them being concise and qualitative. Many were able to shut down delegates while some backfired as their own country wasn't much different or their sources were incorrect. The delegate of Saudi Arabia bluffed in a POI against Sudan. The bluff wasn't caught, but the delegate of Sudan surely was. The delegate made the committee believe that Sudan was going back on his words, worsening the country's image. After the moderated caucus ended, the committee dispersed for lunch and thus ended day one of heated and eloquent debates.

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"Crisis forces commonality of purpose on one another." Michelle Dean.

The second day of Bal Bhavan Public School's yearly MUN, Aspiratio, started off with all delegates directly going to their committee venues. From there they went to have their breakfast. Once they had their luscious breakfast, the delegates once again assembled in their committee.

As usual the committee started with the roll call, a couple of members from day one were absent but joined the committee later. The IP Journalists, Caricaturists and Photographers entered the committee after a short while. USA raised a motion for a moderated caucus on the topic "Humanitarian aid, peacekeeping efforts and factors of resistance" which passed with clear majority. The delegates went on and gave speeches, these were rather less interesting than yesterday's caucuses. Though there was an interesting incident within this moderated caucus.

China accused other countries of imposing sanctions while China carried out peacekeeping missions. The Irish delegate raised the "Right to Reply" and questioned China's ability to blame other countries. He cited examples like the Piccolo mission to prove that other countries carried out peacekeeping missions as well and stressed the importance of sanctions and asked China's delegate to either apologise or leave the committee. The delegate of China prioritised his ego and left the committee for a short while. The moderated caucus continued in the absenteeism of China.

After the moderated caucus got over, the committee broke into a press conference. There were some interesting questions by the journalists which a few delegates weren't able to answer properly while a few answered exceptionally well. After the press conference and a few interviews were over, motions were raised to move into a moderated caucus. A motion was raised by the delegate of the United Kingdom which passed with clear majority. It was based around solutions for the Sudan crisis. There were some boring arguments presented. After this the committee once again broke into an unmoderated caucus and discussed among their blocks regarding documentation. Which was then voted upon. And with that the committee ended. So did another enthusiastic day of heated debate.