What are the estimates of human death, displacement, etc. in Darfur?

According to the reading, there have been between 180,000 and 350,000 civilian deaths due to the crisis in Darfur, and the death toll is estimated to be increasing daily. As of 2004, there were over one million displacements reported, and another source shows that this number has grown to just below two million between 2003 and 2005 when the article was published. It was also reported at the time of publication that more than 300,000 citizens fled the country due to the crisis.

Why is it so important to label certain abuses as genocide? Has the “G” word been applied to the Darfur conflict?

Labeling situations such as these are important because it helps to express accountability and recognition to the public. It is easy to think that the government is trying to help, but until you realize the realities of the situation citizens may not recognize the severity of the events happening. This also helps to show that a government participating is unable to help resolve the issues at hand.

The US State Department in 2004 did describe the events taking place in Darfur as a genocide; other countries, however, have not been so eager to agree. Many other countries are disagreeing and hindering using “the G word” for multiple reasons.

How is death taking place in Darfur? What’s the difference between the past conflict in Rwanda and the one currently taking place in Darfur?

As the article puts it, the deaths taking place in Darfur are occurring “with speed and in slow motion at the same time.” The speed notion of this description is due to many deaths taking place via bombs and gun raids; the slow notion is that countless individuals are dying from disease and starvation.

Compared to Rwanda, people of Darfur are dying from malnutrition and illness far more, and because of this the deaths are occurring at slower, more painful rates. The death toll in Darfur is also not nearly as high as that of Rwanda.

What do you think about the report released by the UN International Commission of Inquiry?
Personally, I do not like that in this report “the G word” is being avoided. It is evident that the happenings in Darfur are occurring “with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group.” Therefore, I do not like that it seems the report is undermining the atrocities taking place and the lives being lost by ignoring the term “genocide.”