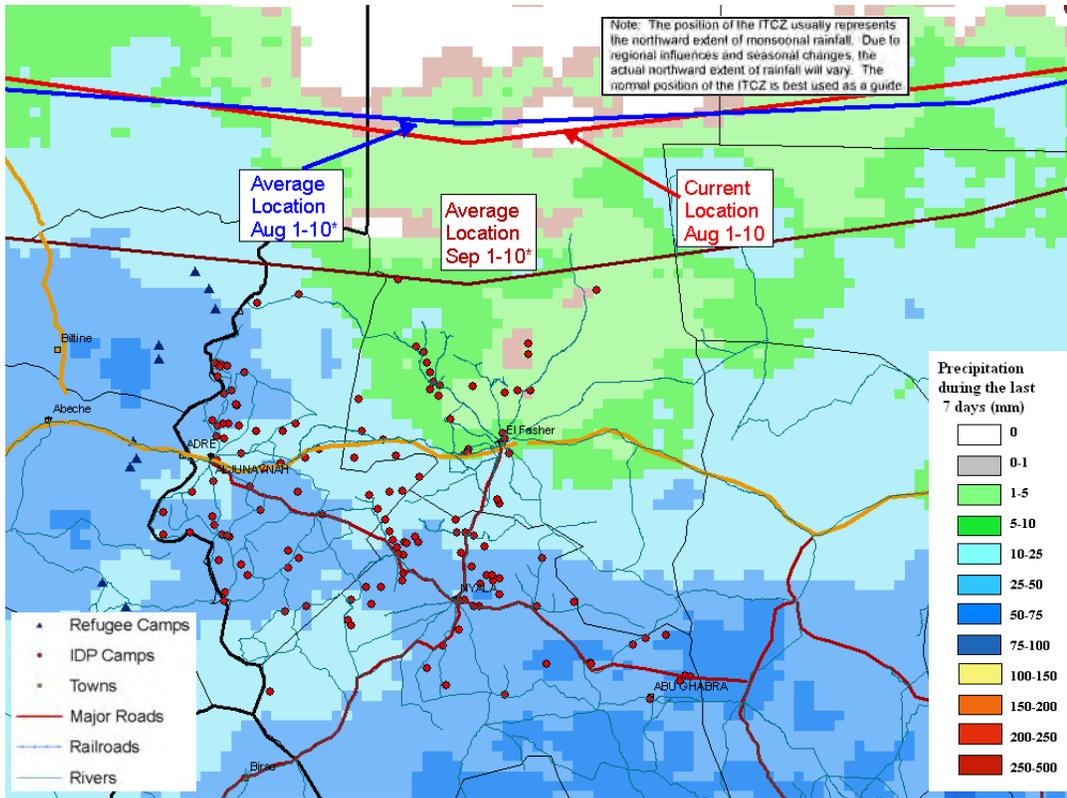


# Darfur Crisis Rain Timeline

August 21, 2008

## Seasonal rainfall remains at its furthest northern extent

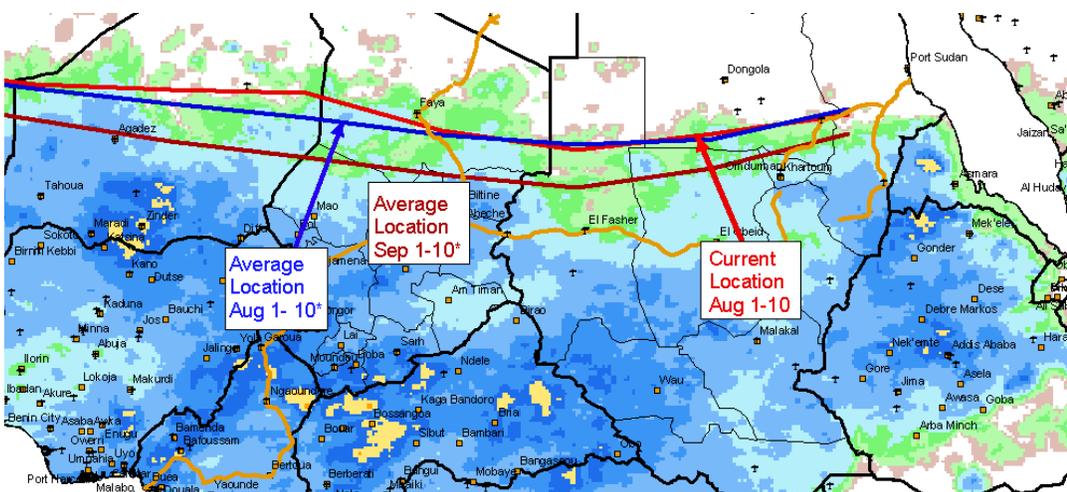


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Seasonal rains have generally reached their furthest northern extent. Much of the Darfur region received 10 to 50 mm of rain during the last seven days and light rain showers continued across the deserts to the north. The average northern extent of the rains is normal for this time of year, but regional rainfall totals since May 1 remain below-average, 50 to 80 percent below-normal in many areas and 20 to 50 percent below-normal in parts of West Darfur.

## Regional Overview: Transport Corridors



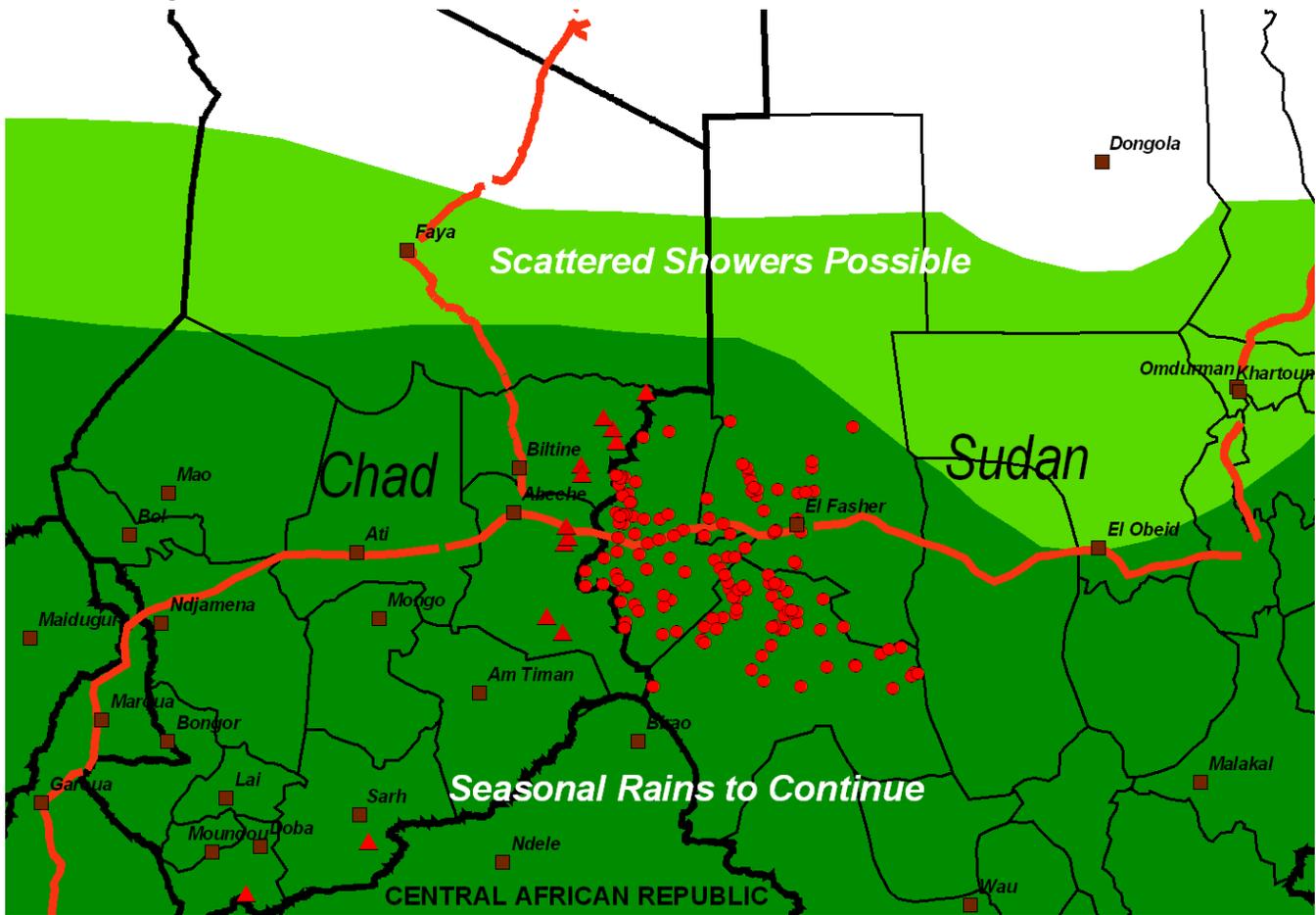
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Seven-day rainfall forecast for Darfur



Seasonal rains to continue	Hot and dry	Railroad	Refugee Camp	▲
Seasonal rains may begin	Heavy rain possible	Road	IDP Camp	●
Significant pre-season rains possible	Dust/sand storm risk	City/Town	Air field	†
	Scattered showers	Major city	Major Corridor	—

Up-to-date forecasts are available at: <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/fews/africa/>

- The Inter-tropical Front (ITF) will remain at its furthest northern extent for one to two weeks more before it begins to retreat to the south. Its movement south will occur at about twice the speed of its northern progression. Rainfall typically leaves the Darfur region altogether around mid-October.
- Rainfall is likely to be suppressed over much of Sudan during the next seven days, with only light rain showers expected to the east of Darfur. However, precipitation in Northern Chad is forecast to be relatively heavy.

Typical Darfur road conditions during the rainy season

