Situation Report: Scorched Earth Near al Abassiya, Sudan

November 30, 2012

Scorched Earth

Thirteen villages and approximately 31 square miles (82 square kilometers) of fields and forests to the southwest of the town of al Abassiya in the Nuba Mountains of South Kordofan, Sudan, were deliberately burned, as observed on DigitalGlobe satellite imagery collected on November 26, 2012. This is consistent with the incidents reported on Sudan Radio Service, which stated, “SPLM-N spokesman Arnu Ngutulu said militia believed to belong to the National Congress Party burned 13 villages in Abasiya locality by bombing and destroying farms.”

Two distinct areas of burned grassland and forest were observed about six and 12 miles (10 and 20 Km), respectively, southwest of al Abassiya town and due west of al Hoi village. The villages of Fadila and Shuqaya suffered considerable damage to residential structures (tukuls) and tarpaulin-covered structures.

Sudan Armed Forces, or SAF, presence in the area was noted near al Hoi, where an artillery battery was positioned alongside the north/south highway.

Scorched Earth Overview (82 sq km)

Burned Villages (13)

Recently Burned Area

Previously Burned Area

Al Hoi

Kamrogia

Burned Area Overview, al Hoi, South Kordofan, Sudan

DigitalGlobe Color Infrared Image, November 26, 2012
Before

Unnamed Village Burned, South Kordofan, Sudan

DigitalGlobe Color Infrared Image, November 26, 2012

DigitalGlobe Panchromatic Image, November 15, 2012

After

Burned Huts

Unharmed Huts
Al Fadila Village Burned, South Kordofan, Sudan

DigitalGlobe Color Infrared Image, November 26, 2012

DigitalGlobe Panchromatic Image, November 15, 2012