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This paper aims to analyze the role of African Union in Darfur crisis, in the western Sudanese region. Since its creation in 2002, which resulted from perceive failure of its predecessor Organization of African Unity (OAU). The AU has made a significant different with more innovative ideas; including the creation of African Union Peace and Security Council (APSC) which was inspired by a pragmatism and flexibility in the overall approach which marked a break with the traditions of the OAU. This reflects the AU’s increasing role in crisis management on the continent. With these robust changes, the African Union has now a power to intervene in the domestic affairs of its member states whenever that is necessary and whatever the method of involvement will be, either to mediate, enforce peace, or keep peace. Nevertheless, the AU with its financial scarcity, military problems and lack of African leaders' willingness to massively commit resources to solve problems in the continent, the question is, should the AU be indifferent to the suffering of people or should it uses its meager means to stop this? So, the paper has tried to study various African Union actions in Darfur case and the analysis and identification of the African Union approach to the Sudanese conflict limits and shortcomings.
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