

A group of Dinka tribespeople stand with their cattle as dust and smoke add texture to the air of southern Sudan. The animals, with their enormous, curving horns, play an important part in Dinka society, but the people are not purely pastoralists – also growing crops to eat.

Recent years have seen the tribe battling against the effects of drought and also caught up in the warfare between rival factions that has affected the region.

A barometer of trouble has been the slaughtering of cattle. Generally, the tribe avoid doing this – keeping the animals for trading and using them as dowries, however, in times of need the animals are killed and eaten. The photograph was taken by award-winning photographer Sebastião Salgado and appears in his recent book *Africa*, published by Taschen and priced at £39.99 (\$80).

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