



## Chad President Idriss Deby Dies

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### Why in News

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**Chad's President Idriss Deby** has been killed on the frontline against rebels in the north.

He was battling rebels belonging to the group '**FACT** (the **Front for Change and Concord in Chad**)'.

### Key Points

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- **About Chad's President:**

- The news of his death came only the day after he was proclaimed the winner of a presidential election that had given him **a sixth term in office**.
- He **had been ruling Chad since 1990**, taking power on the back of a coup. His rebel forces overthrew **then-President Hissene Habre**, who was later **convicted of human rights abuses** at an **international tribunal in Senegal**.
- Deby was a **major French ally** in the fight against **Islamic extremism in Africa**, hosting the base for the **French military Operation Barkhane** and supplying **critical troops to the peacekeeping effort in northern Mali**.

- **About the Group FACT:**

The Front for Change and Concord in Chad (FACT), is a **political and military organisation in the north of Chad**, with the **goal of overthrowing the government of Chad**.

- **Some Locational Aspects of Chad:**



- It is a **landlocked state in north-central Africa.**
- It is named after **Lake Chad.**
  - This is the **second-largest lake in Africa** (after Lake Victoria) and its **basin** covers parts of **Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon.**
- The **Sahara Desert** roughly covers one **third of the country.**
- **The south** has large expanses of wooded **savannas and woodlands.**
- **Chad** is also a part of the **Sahel** region.
  - **Sahel** is a **semiarid region** of western and **north-central Africa** extending from **Senegal eastward to Sudan.**
  - It forms a **transitional zone** between the **arid Sahara** (desert) to the **north** and the belt of **humid savannas to the south.**
- **Chad** became an **oil-producing nation in 2003**, with the completion of a USD 4bn pipeline linking its oilfields to terminals on the **Atlantic coast.**

- **India-Chad Relations:**

- Chad is a member country of **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, an India-France initiative.
- The country is a member of **TEAM-9 initiative (Techno Economic Approach for African Movement)** comprising **eight West and Central African countries** seeking to benefit in technical and economic spheres **through cooperation with India.**
- The increase in the **import of Crude Oil from Chad** is the main reason for the significant increase in the **bilateral trade** (USD 513.59 million in 2018-19).
- India has offered a **Line of Credit of USD 27.45 million** for **establishment of Solar PV Module Manufacturing Plant at N'djamena.**
- India implemented a **Technical Assistance Programme (TAP) for cotton** in six African countries, namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Malawi, Nigeria and Uganda, from 2012 to 2018.
- Many civilians and Chad public servants have been offered courses and provided **training under ITEC (Indian Technical Economic Cooperation).**

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