

The Stories Nobody Is Telling You: A Guide To The World's Forgotten Crisis

Every day when you do scrolling. You scroll past wars, famines and floods that never made it to your feed. Six million dead in Congo. Ten million displaced in Sudan. This is what the news is not showing you, and why you have to think about it.

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Introduction

Every day when we wake up and check our phones. Ukraine, Gaza, Celebrities, Politics. The same stories, the same countries, the same voices. But there is a lot of happening in the world that never reaches our screens, not because it's not important, but because someone decided to not show us, it's not worthy showing us.

This article is about those forgetting stories, the crisis being ignored, the people who are suffering while the the world is looking somewhere else.

Think how you found out about Ukraine. On TV, Instagram, newspaper, your phones it was everywhere. Now ask from yourself; When did you last sees a news about Congo, Sudan, Yamen? Your silence is not by accident. It's a choice. That was made by algorithms, government and editors. And it has consequences for million of peoples who depends on the world paying attention.

"Six million people have died in Congo since 1998. Most people do not even know there is a war ."

Technology Overview

There is a war in Congo that has been running since 1998. Now it's been 28 years and more than six million people have been died, more than any conflict since World War II. I was shocked to see that Congo gets only 1.2% of global media coverage, Sudan gets 2% of coverage, Yemen gets 7% of coverage while Ukraine gets 58% of coverage.

In the world right now Sudan is facing the largest displacement crisis. In Sudan 10 million people were forced to move from their homes since 2023. That is more than the entire population of Switzerland. The United Nations called Yemen the worst humanitarian crisis on Earth, 377,000 dead. 4.5 million displaced and millions facing starvation.

And then there is Pakistan. In 2023, one third of the country went underwater, 33 million people displaced, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine were dead. The world paid attention for two weeks and then they moved on. But the people of Pakistan are still rebuilding. Pakistan contributes less than one percent global carbon

emissions yet suffers some of the worst climate consequences on earth. That's not a natural disaster. That is injustice.



Figure 1: Image Global media coverage compared to crisis severity

Key Findings & Impact

The truth is simple but still uncomfortable. A crisis gets coverage if it affects Western countries, if there's Western interests involved or if it produces dramatic footage. A crisis happens in Africa and Asia has no strategic value to powerful nations. It is just how attention works when it becomes a business.

Covering the war honestly would embarrass the countries selling weapons. Congo has no oil the West needs. Sudan has no powerful allies that push their story onto front pages. Yemen is complicated because the bombs falling on it were sold by USA and UK. So the cameras stay away. The algorithm only prioritizes the content that is useful for them.

What's Next?

I am not writing this to make anyone feel guilty. Because guilt without action changes nothing. But awareness is where action starts. You can read beyond the headlines. You can share the stories that the algorithm decided not to show people. You can follow independent journalists who cover forgotten regions. You can ask, even once that why some crisis fill your screen and some never appears at all. It did not require much work. It just requires the deciding that the world is bigger than what your feed shows you.

If these stories are not being told loudly, that does not mean they are not happening. Maybe we cannot watch everything that is happening in the world, but we can choose to look, at least once, at what we have been taught not to see.



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