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THE HERCULEAN TALES OF C-130J

BUILT TO DELIVER. BUILT TO LAST.™

EPISODE 2:
LANDING IN THE DARK IN SUDAN

Note: Visuals created using AI-assisted illustration tools. This comic is a creative interpretation inspired by real missions. Certain details have been adapted for storytelling.

April 2023. Civil war erupts in Sudan.

The roads are not safe.

We just need to get home.

Thousands of Indians stranded as conflict spreads.

Airports unstable. Runway lights unreliable but we can't wait for daylight.

Evacuation Required. Immediate.

SUDAN

Then we send the one built for this. One that can land where others can't –

OUR C-130J SUPER HERCULES

THIS ISN'T EXACTLY WELCOMING. RUNWAY LIGHTS NOT VISIBLE. ROUGH SURFACE. LIMITED MARGIN. COMMIT?

THAT'S WHY WE'RE IN THIS AIRCRAFT. LET'S BRING THEM HOME. COMMIT!

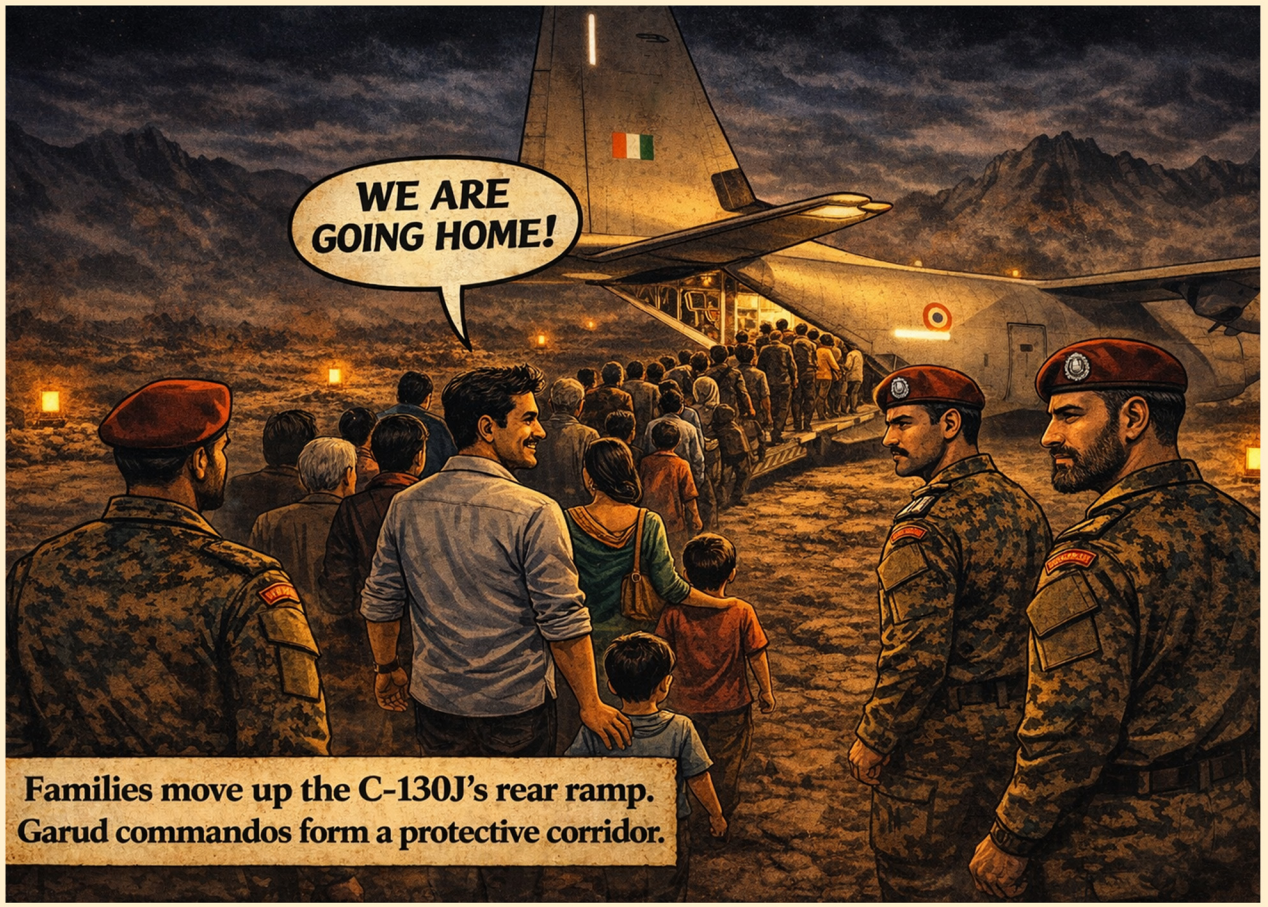
A secured military-controlled section of Port Sudan airport

NO APPROACH LIGHTS. NO RUNWAY MARKINGS. JUST A STRIP OF UNEVEN TARMAC CUTTING THROUGH DUST.

Unlit strip. Zero margin. Perfect execution.

Built for short fields.
Built for every condition.
Built to deliver. Built to last.™

C-130J SUPER HERCULES!


WE ARE GOING HOME!
Families move up the C-130J's rear ramp.
Garud commandos form a protective corridor.

In a conflict zone with an unlit strip...
IAF's C-130J proved its short-field and night capability.

With short-field performance, night capability, and rapid turnaround, the C-130J became the decisive airlift asset in Operation Kaveri.
INDIAN AIR FORCE
IAF and C-130J don't wait for perfect conditions...
THEY CREATE THEM!