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by Michael in New York on 8/10/2005 11:31:00 AM

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The "president" of Niger -- Mamadou Tandja -- sees no famine, just foreign plots.

"The people of Niger look well fed, as you can see," President Tandja says. All the talk of mass starvation is just "foreign propaganda", deception by relief agencies to obtain increased funding. "It is only by deception that such agencies receive funding," he tells the BBC.

What problems there are, he says, "are not serious."

Oh, well, that's cleared up then.











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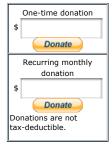
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