



CAMPAIGN TO STOP GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

You have the Power to Protect

Since early 2003, the government of Sudan has been waging a campaign of genocide against targeted African communities in Darfur, western Sudan. In September 2004, the Bush Administration rightfully recognized that genocide was taking place in Darfur, yet the U.S. has failed to respond to this crisis with the urgency that is required. On May 5th, 2006 the Sudanese government and one rebel group in Darfur signed a peace agreement, but since that time violent attacks on civilians have doubled. As the death toll in Darfur continues to mount, it is clear that **nothing short of international intervention can protect the people of Darfur and stop this genocide.**



Over 400,000 people have lost their lives in Darfur since the genocide began. More than 2.5 million people have been displaced, their livelihoods and villages destroyed by government forces and their proxy militias, and many thousands of women and girls have been raped by these forces. The humanitarian crisis that forms part of the genocide is escalating, as the government of Sudan continues to obstruct humanitarian operations, creating famine conditions for millions of vulnerable people.

As the genocide continues, our most important priority must be to provide protection to the people of Darfur. The African Union (AU) has shown important leadership, and its mission in Darfur is doing what it can in the face of growing insecurity. But the current AU mandate expires on September 30th, threatening to leave the people of Darfur completely unprotected in a security gap. The AU cannot address this crisis alone, nor should it have to. Genocide is an international crime, and it requires an urgent international response.

An international intervention can achieve four critical purposes: (1) stop the violence and protect the people; (2) safeguard humanitarian assistance; (3) enforce the cease fire and provide a stable environment for further progress towards peace; and (4) facilitate the voluntary return of displaced people.

The Bush Administration has provided humanitarian assistance for Darfur, has given limited logistical support to the AU mission, has expressed support for a multinational intervention and helped get a UN resolution passed that authorizes UN peacekeepers, but in the face of resistance by the Sudanese government to accept the force, it has failed to mount a sufficient response to the ongoing genocide. The U.S. has equivocated on Darfur in part because it wishes to maintain an intelligence-sharing partnership with the Khartoum government in the interests of the "War on Terror". This **relationship gives the U.S. unique leverage to negotiate** with the Sudanese government to agree to a multinational intervention. The U.S. must also work with other international stakeholders to secure a rapid deployment of peacekeepers with a mandate to protect civilians. **Thousands of lives can still be saved if action is taken now.**

Africa Action is the oldest organization in the U.S. working on African affairs. Our mission is to change U.S. Africa relations to promote political, economic and social justice in Africa. We provide accessible information and analysis and we mobilize popular support for campaigns to achieve this mission.

Africa Action is currently engaged in advocacy and activism to stop the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. You can learn more about Africa Action and get involved at:

www.africaaction.org

Officials who remained silent during the Rwandan genocide often claim that if Americans had clamored for more action, the U.S. would have had to work with the United Nations to intervene, and could have saved hundreds of thousands of lives. **Today, this provides us with a unique power to protect the people of Darfur.** Please consider taking one of the following actions today.

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Top 10 Ways to Take Action to Stop Genocide in Darfur

1. **Go to Africa Action's [Action Center](http://www.africaaction.org)** to take action! www.africaaction.org
2. **Send a Postcard to President Bush.** Africa Action has produced postcards with drawings by child survivors in Darfur. Let's continue to flood the White House with children's drawings! You can order postcards by writing to mobilize@africaaction.org
3. **Call Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice.** Dr. Rice is UN Ambassador John Bolton's boss. Ask Dr. Rice to instruct Ambassador Bolton to ensure implementation of the Security Council resolution authorizing a multinational peacekeeping force to protect civilians in Darfur. 202-647-4000.
4. **Write to UN Ambassador Bolton** and ask him to work with the international community to ensure implementation of the Security Council resolution that authorizes a multinational intervention force to protect civilians in Darfur. Let him know that he must finish what he started; his work is not done until civilian protection is achieved in Darfur. 799 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017-3505
5. **Write a Letter to the Editor** of your local paper when you see articles about Africa, but especially when you see articles on Sudan. In your letter, describe the importance of a multinational intervention to stop genocide and call on world leaders to take action. Invite a leader in your community to **author an Op-Ed** (opinion piece) for your local paper on Darfur. Africa Action's [Sample Letter](#) and [Working with the Media](#) resource can help.
6. **Host the Africa Action exhibit "Picturing Genocide" of children's drawings and an event** in your religious community, school, club or local association *or* **show the movie *Hotel Rwanda*** and hold a discussion with participants. At the end of the event ask everyone to take at least one form of action from this list. For ideas see our resources on [Event Ideas](#) and [How to Organize an Event](#). Africa Action's [Film Festival Guide](#) can also help. Contact us at mobilize@africaaction.org to request the exhibit.
7. **Bird Dog the Big Dogs!** Are members of the Bush Administration coming to town? As election season begins, there will be many opportunities to engage your elected officials. Attend events or town hall meetings and ask them what they are doing to stop genocide in Darfur. Urge them to work with the international community to achieve a multinational intervention. Contact Africa Action if you would like to join our bird-dogging team at mobilize@africaaction.org Learn [how to "Bird dog"](#) today.
8. **Sign the Africa Action Petition!** We are collecting 400,000 signatures in a letter to President Bush to represent the 400,000 people who have died in the genocide in Darfur. Visit our website and sign the petition or e-mail mobilize@africaaction.org for hard copies.
9. **Decorate your neighborhood!** Post signs and flyers in your neighborhood to help raise awareness about Darfur. [Sample flyers](#) are included in our Activist Toolkit under organizing tools. Feel free to print out one of the children's drawings to post in your neighborhood or to use on a flyer.
10. **Join the [Africa Action Student Network](#) or the [Religious Action Network](#)** to stay involved and engage your broader community.