

GENERAL ADVISORY

JULY 22: DARFURIS TO RALLY AT WHITE HOUSE IN SUPPORT OF JUSTICE FOR BASHIR

Protesters to call on Obama administration to act immediately to help bring justice and peace to Darfur

WASHINGTON – Darfuris, other Sudanese and Americans who share a common concern about the Obama Administration's lack of response to the ongoing crimes against humanity in Sudan and Darfur will gather on Wednesday in front of the White House. Participants will deliver a letter to President Obama. From there, participants will walk to the State Department with a letter to the Secretary of State.

The rally is sponsored by the Damanga Coalition for Freedom and Democracy in cooperation with American Darfur activist organizations from across the country. Americans nation-wide will also be participating in a National Call-In Day in support of the Darfuri rally. These events are timed to coincide with Special Envoy Gration's trip to the Sudan and the announcement of the much-anticipated decision on the boundaries of the contested Abyei region. It also falls on the same day as President Obama's prime time press conference to encourage discussion of Darfur and the ICC case against Bashir at the news conference.

Spokespeople will be available for interviews before, during and after the protest.

WHO:

- Mohamed Yahya, Darfuri and Founder and Executive Director/ Damanga Coalition for Freedom and Democracy; Washington DC;
- Omar Ismail, Darfuri Activist from Enough Project- Washington DC;
- Daowd Salih, Darfuri and President of Damanga Board of Directors - New Jersey;
- Dr. Abdul-gabar Adam, Darfuri and President of Darfur Human Rights - Philadelphia;
- Ms.Niemat Ahmadai, Darfuri Liaison Officer for Save Darfur Coalition- Washington DC;
- Ms. Nusaiba, Darfuri Human Rights Activist of Georgia;
- Bushara Dosa, President of Darfuri Association of New York;
- Jimmy Mulla, President of Southern Sudanese Voice for Freedom-Virginia;
- Nouredin Mannan, President.of Nubia Project of North Sudan- Maryland;
- Yahya Osman , Vice President of Darfur Rehabilitation Project- New Jersey;
- Adeeb Yousif, International Coordinator For Sudan Social Development organization – New Jersey;
- Ms. Suad Mansour, Darfuri from Darfur Alert Coalition- Philadelphia;
- Maggie Fick, Policy Assistant, Enough Project.

WHEN: 1:00PM ET
Wednesday, July 22, 2009

WHERE: Start at Lafayette Square for White House Rally then march to the State Department

WHY: To issue a plea to President Obama and Secretary Clinton for an unequivocal statement from the United States Government in support of the following:

1. International cooperation with the ICC and its indictments of Omar al-Bashir;
2. The immediate deployment of the 26,000 UNAMID Peace Forces to Darfur with a full Chapter VII mandate, and all necessary support and supplies;
3. Pressure on the Government of Sudan to allow all expelled humanitarian organizations back into Darfur without any delays or conditions;
4. The end of attacks on Refugee Camps in Chad and Darfur and the return of all confiscated land to its rightful owners;
5. Strict trade sanctions against Chinese oil companies, and all other companies investing in Sudanese oil or exporting weapons to Sudan.