

We, the undersigned, call on Congress to move forward with their efforts to enact HR 723 (*Calling on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with a specific emphasis on civilian protection*). As the May ceasefire agreement has been largely unsuccessful at curtailing the violence, and the Sudanese government continues to fuel ethnic conflict -- including murder and rape -- the crisis continues to grow:

- Nearly ninety percent of the villages in Darfur have been burned.
- The death toll is now over 200,000 and may be as high as 400,000.
- Two million people are living in refugee camps.
- The Sudanese government continues to impede the flow of humanitarian aid.

With the planned withdrawal of the African Union in September, and no further action expected from the United Nations until January, the need for intervention by the United States has become imperative for the survival of the people of Darfur.

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