

The Darfur Report

THE MIAMI COALITION TO SAVE DARFUR



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→ JCRC Darfur Advocacy



JCRC Chair Regina Zelonker joined members of STAND, the student-led division of the Genocide Intervention Network, to advocate against genocide during the November 9, 2009 Pledge2Protect Conference Lobby Day in Washington, D.C.

→ Darfur News

[Millions Could Miss Sudan Elections](#)

Millions of voters could be left out of Sudan's first elections in 24 years because of a failure of authorities to persuade more people to register for the poll, international observers reported to *Reuters*. International observers from The Carter Centre said they were concerned poor publicity over the process had already hit the number of people registering to vote, warning some states might sign up fewer than half of eligible voters. [Click here](#) to view this December 1, 2009 article in *The New York Times*.

[Report urges sanctions against Sudan ruling party](#)

A report recently released by the Enough Project, an anti-genocide group, blamed the violence in Darfur on the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) of Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir, who was indicted in March by the International Criminal Court for suspected war crimes in Sudan's remote western region of Darfur. The report called for sanctions. The head of Save Darfur, a separate coalition of more than 180 religious, political, and human rights organizations, backed the main conclusions of the Enough Project report. [Click here](#) to view this November 30, 2009 article in *Reuters*.

[U.N. earmarks \\$1.9 billion for 2010 Sudan humanitarian work](#)

The global body wants \$7.1 billion. Only \$1.9 billion of the funds are earmarked for its operations in Sudan next year, down from \$2.2 billion it asked for in 2009. Aid groups and U.N. agencies are responsible for meeting the basic needs of millions of Sudanese in the south and west of the country, where years of ethnic conflicts have led to widespread displacement and poverty. [Click here](#) to view this November 30, 2009 article in *The Miami Herald*.

[US blasts Sudan over Darfur peacekeeper harassment](#)

The U.S. envoy to the U.N. piercingly criticized Khartoum over a U.N. report that accused the Sudanese army of harassing and threatening international peacekeepers in Darfur. [Click here](#) to view this November 30, 2009 article in *Reuters*.

['Genocide-free' measure rejected at American Funds](#)

Shareholders at American Funds have rejected a measure that seeks to screen out investments possibly linked to genocide in international hot spots like Sudan's Darfur region. The proposal came before shareholders at 16 of American Funds' 30 mutual funds. It needed a majority to pass. An American Funds spokesman says the most support at any of the funds where ballots were counted was about 12 percent. But each measure has fallen far short of majority support. American Funds is among the biggest fund families with about \$900 billion. It is privately owned by Los Angeles-based Capital Group. [Click here](#) to view this November 24, 2009 article in *The Miami Herald*.

[Sudan delays elections](#)

The April 5, 2010 election in Sudan will be delayed. Election officials have faced huge logistical challenges in rolling out the first multi-party polls in 24 years in Sudan. Sudan's National Elections Commission stated that it was extending voter registration across the country, because of a late start in some areas and appeals for an extension from some political parties. As a result, the start of the ballot will be pushed to April 11, 2010. [Click here](#) to view this November 22, 2009 article in *Reuters*.

[U.S. to attend conference held by war crimes court](#)

The United States will participate in a conference with members of the International Criminal Court, a decision that signals growing U.S. support for a war crimes tribunal. [Click here](#) to view this November 17, 2009 article in *The Washington Post*.

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Advocacy Resources:

[Investors Against Genocide](#)

The goal of Investors Against Genocide is to convince financial institutions to make a commitment to ethical investment. You can send a strong message to these companies to draw the line at genocide. [Click here](#) to take action to help end the crisis in Darfur.

[Michael Pertnoy](#)

Michael Pertnoy is the founder of Righteous Pictures, a film production company and activist organization that creates documentaries and other visual media related to social justice. The company is currently at work on a feature documentary, *The Last Survivor*, which focuses on genocide awareness, prevention, and survivor advocacy. [Click here](#) to view the extended trailer of *The Last Survivor*.

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- Click [here](#) to download a Darfur background and time-line piece
- Click [here](#) to download and distribute a "call to action" flier to distribute to your community
- Click [here](#) to download a petition—take action and help end the genocide in Darfur

[Darfur: A Call to Action](#)

A 20 minute documentary film produced by the Save Darfur Coalition. The film provides background on the genocide in Darfur and explores major religions' views regarding the responsibility to the people of Darfur. [Click here](#) to view this video.

[Anti-Genocide Hotline](#)

The Genocide Intervention Network has created the first-ever anti-genocide hotline. By calling 1-800-GENOCIDE (436-6243), you can be immediately connected to your elected officials; all you need is your zip code. The hotline will provide you with up-to-date talking points related to current Darfur legislation and other actions your elected officials can take to help end the genocide. You can put 1-800-GENOCIDE into your cell phone, and call regularly to urge your elected officials to do all that they can and live up to the commitment to never let genocide reoccur.

→ Respond to the *Darfur Report*

The Darfur Report is a newsletter designed to educate the Jewish community on issues related to the genocide in Darfur, including political and legislative developments. This newsletter does not necessarily represent the views of the JCRC or the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. To respond to *The Darfur Report*, contact [Lori Dearman](#) at LDearman@gmjf.org.



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