



Please Consider Co-Sponsoring the Sudan Peace, Security, and Accountability Act (H.R. 4169)

The Sudan Peace, Security, and Accountability Act of 2012 (H.R. 4169) was introduced on March 8th by Congressmen Jim McGovern (D-MA) in order to create a comprehensive strategy towards ending atrocities and creating peace in Sudan. Additional original co-sponsors include Representatives Frank Wolf (R-VA), Michael Capuano (D-MA), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Brad Miller (D-NC), John Olver (D-MA), and Shelia Jackson-Lee (D-TX).

Why it is necessary

The legislation is in response to the ongoing crisis in Darfur and atrocities being committed against civilians in South Kordofan, Blue Nile and Abyei by the Sudanese government. Half a million people in South Kordofan and Blue Nile are at risk of starvation beginning in March because Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir – a war criminal wanted for genocide – is blockading food and humanitarian aid. The bombing attacks that Bashir started in July have prevented families from planting their crops. With no food and nothing to harvest, hundreds of thousands now face starvation.

What the legislation does

· Addresses the current humanitarian crisis in South Kordofan, Blue Nile, and Abyei, while continuing to assist in Darfur and other parts of Sudan; · Creates a broad-reaching sanctions regime to target any government or person who support or assist in the commission of serious human rights violations including those who:

- Provide any military equipment to the Government of Sudan;
- Contribute \$500,000 or more of goods or other support to the Government of Sudan or its proxies and which directly and significantly contribute to the commission of serious human rights violations;
- Interfere with humanitarian aid;
- Impede or threaten peace or stability in Sudan; or
- Fail to execute international arrest warrants against Government of Sudan officials.
- Requires the Administration and all relevant agencies to work together and create a comprehensive strategic plan focused on all of Sudan rather than only a particular region.

What you can do

You can help promote peace in Sudan by asking your member of congress to co-sponsor the Sudan Peace, Security, and Accountability Act (H.R. 4169) by going to <http://endgenocide.org/take-action> to send a message to your representative or by calling 1-800-GENOCIDE to voice your support to your congressional office. **The call is toll-free. When prompted, enter your zip code and choose option number one to be connected with the office of your representative in Congress. Once connected to the office, urge your Representative to co-sponsor and support the Sudan Peace, Security and Accountability Act.**

Sample Script: The government of Sudan has escalated attacks against civilians and now half a million people are at risk of starvation. Urge your Representative to co-sponsor House bill number forty-one sixty-nine to address this man-made emergency. Thank you.