

Genocide Watch has signed the following petition to President Obama:

Dear President Obama:

I am appalled by your Administration's hypocritical and deadly Sudan policy. At the same time as the genocidal Sudan regime is sponsoring renewed attacks on defenseless Darfuri men, women and children confined in displacement camps, the U.S. government is helping to raise money on the regime's behalf. This money is blood money that will most certainly help support further atrocities.

Please uphold the spirit of U.S. sanctions against Sudan by actively discouraging the international community from funding the ongoing atrocities in Darfur and the border regions of Sudan.

By pressuring the government of South Sudan and encouraging other countries to help relieve Sudan's debt, you are throwing a lifeline to a regime that is causing the death, displacement and starvation of Sudanese civilians in Darfur, South Kordofan/Nuba Mountains, the Blue Nile state and other marginalized areas.

In 2007, as a candidate for the U.S presidency you said, "When you see a genocide in Rwanda, Bosnia or in Darfur, that is a stain on all of us, that's a stain on our souls...We can't say 'never again' and then allow it to happen again, and as a president of the United States I don't intend to abandon people or turn a blind eye to slaughter."

So why are you now turning a blind eye to slaughter? Twenty-three years of history has proven that the Khartoum regime, led by a man indicted by the International Criminal Court for genocide, should be made an international outcast, not its beneficiary.

Please immediately revamp your Sudan policy to uphold the values you professed during your campaign. The U.S. must not help fund slaughter. It must work to protect civilians under attack by their own government.

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and over 2400 other persons