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Re: *NY Times' columnist speaks out again on the Sudan genocide*

Once again, this past Saturday, **New York Times** columnist **Nicholas Kristof**, wrote about the crisis in Sudan, the cycle of genocide in the 20th Century, and how the indifference of the world to the Armenian Genocide paved the way for other crimes against humanity. In his column (6/26/04), he explained:

Moreover, apart from our obligation to act under the Genocide Convention, acquiescence only encourages more genocide - hence the question attributed to Hitler, "Who today remembers the Armenian extermination?"

Please support U.S. and international action to end the mass murder in the Darfur region of Sudan, and help end the cycle of genocide by working for the passage of the Genocide Resolution (H.Res.193 and S.Res.164).

If I can be of any help, please contact me at (202) 431-3806 or abraham@anca.org.

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Dithering as Others Die

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

ALONG THE SUDAN-CHAD BORDER - The ongoing genocide in Darfur is finally, fortunately, making us uncomfortable. At this rate, with only 250,000 more deaths it will achieve the gravitas of the Laci Peterson case.

Hats off to Colin Powell and Kofi Annan, who are both traveling in the next few days to Darfur. But the world has dithered for months already. Unless those trips signal a new resolve, many of the Darfur children I've been writing about over the last few months will have survived the Janjaweed militia only to die now of hunger or diarrhea.

I've had e-mail from readers who are horrified by the slaughter, but who also feel that Africa is always a mess and that there's not much we can do. So let me address the cynics.

Look, I'm sure it's terrible in Darfur. But lots of places are horrific, and we can't help everyone. Why obsess about Sudan?

The U.N. describes Darfur as the No. 1 humanitarian crisis in the world today. The U.S. Agency for International Development estimates that at best 320,000 more people will still die of hunger and disease this year — or significantly more if we continue to do nothing.

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Haven't we invaded enough Muslim countries?

The U.S. is not going to invade Sudan. That's not a plan.

But we can pass a tough U.N. Security Council resolution. Spain don't want to send troops to Iraq, then let them do it.

What good is a speech in the U.N.? Why would Sudan care?

Governments tend to be embarrassed about exterminating their own people. President Bush led Sudan to agree to a cease-fire in Ar. Janjaweed raiders.

Sudan lies and wriggles out of its promises, but its gen. supplies for emergency relief, but pressure has led it to

So, Mr. Bush, if a single written statement will do so evil? You could save tens of thousands of lives by making

If the Sudanese were notorious pirates of American y forcefully to genocide?

Mr. Bush seems proud of his "moral clarity," his will it to continue.

What can ordinary Americans do?

Yell! Mr. Bush and John Kerry have been passive a demand action, our leaders will be happy to follow.

Readers can also contribute to one of the many aid

Be realistic. We don't have our national interest at st

But we do. Sudan's chaos is destabilizing surround collapse into chaos, they become staging grounds

In any case, America is a nation that has values as well as interests. We betrayed those values when we ignored p... again now.

In my last three columns, I wrote about Magboula Muhammad Khattar, a 24-year-old woman struggling to keep her children alive since her parents and husband were killed by the Janjaweed. Each time I visited the tree she lives under, she shared with me the only things she had to offer: a smile and a bowl of brackish water.

Is a cold shoulder all we have to offer in return?

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Nicholas Kristof, commenting
on the cycle of genocide.