

African Freedom Coalition:

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Dear Lawmaker:

It has been over a month since our letter of 12/19/19, and the situation for the people of Sudan has not improved. Generals Hemeti and Al-Burhan, remnants from the genocidal regime of al-Bashir, still control Sudan, in spite the the people's desire for a civilian government.

Over 2.6 million displaced persons live in IDP camps in Darfur without access to humanitarian aid, and several hundred thousand refugees languish in other countries. Violence persists, especially in Darfur, where militia, under many names — Janjaweed, RSF, Armed Arab Nomads— terrorize IDP camps, killing civilians, and raping women and girls who venture outside the camps.

There has been no justice: No one has been held accountable for killings in El-Genena in late December, 2019, or the killings in the IDP camp of Mershing on January 22, 2020. Nor has there been any accountability for the war crimes, crimes against humanity, and racist genocides that have been perpetrated on the non-Arab black Africans in Darfur, Nuba Mountains, and Blue Nile for decades. Al-Bashir's trivial conviction for possession of hard currency is an insult to the victims of genocide.

Members of the old regime of al-Bashir still head companies that control vital commodities—fuel, bread, flour, and sugar. They also control banks, and currency exchanges. Hemeti and his family own gold mines and manage gold exports. It is to the militia and al-Bashir loyalists that any financial infusion would be shunted.

Congress, to its credit, has already passed measures—H. Res. 432, and S. Res. 188—both advocating support for an immediate civilian-led government, and S. Res.188 urging withholding of removal of Sudan from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism (SST) until such is done. Congress must hold to these resolutions, and deter the Arabist hegemony over African blacks, to compel the Transitional government to create democracy.

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