

## AFRICAN FREEDOM COALITION

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Dear Senator:

We have written you before on Sudan, opposing its removal from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism (SST). To clarify, the true victims would be:

**The citizens of Sudan**, especially the non-Arab blacks, who have been systematically victimized by racist genocide by the former Bashir regime, and now by the military-run transitional government. They would be even more at risk if Sudan were removed from SST, as the financial benefits would accrue to the military, further entrenching their power; and

**The families and survivors of Sudan's terrorism:**

— 9/11 attack: 2,977 dead, 6,000 injured. This group of families/victims is the most vulnerable, as Sudan has disclaimed any responsibility for its role. Restoring Sudan's sovereign immunity would allow it to evade its liability to them.

— East Africa Embassy bombings: 231 killed, of whom 12 were Americans; over 5,000 injured. Sudan offered a low-figure settlement —only 3% of what the US courts awarded them. The distribution discriminates against the non-American families.

— Attack on the USS Cole: 17 Americans killed; 39 injured.

**The issues on the table:**

— Agreements confirming Sudan's offers for compensation of victims of Sudan's terrorism, *excepting* 9/11 victims;

— Agreement to restore sovereign immunity to Sudan;

— De-listing Sudan from SST;

— \$9 billion payout to Sudan.

— Sudan's normalization with Israel;

**What Sudan wants:**

— Approval of all of the items above, with the exception of normalization with Israel.

**What Pompeo and US Administration want:**

— Sudan's normalization with Israel.

They appear willing, however, to approve all of the issues that Sudan wants, in order to achieve Sudan's normalization with Israel.

**What US Congress must do:**

- Act with conscience:
- Protect the people of Sudan, as per S. Res 188, “Until Sudan transitions to a civilian-led government, it will remain on the State Sponsors of Terrorism List and sanctions against the country will continue”.
- Protect the vulnerable victims of Sudan's terrorism by rejecting bad deals, and holding Sudan accountable.

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