

AFRICAN FREEDOM COALITION

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Dear Senator:

On October 23, 2020, Sudan acceded to pressure from Secretary Pompeo to normalize relations with Israel, and deposited \$335 million into an escrow fund, towards compensation for Embassy bombing victims and families— both President Trump's requisites for de-listing Sudan from the State Sponsors of Terrorism (SST), of which he then notified Congress of his intention.

The US Administration and Sudan are now looking to the US Congress to endorse the following:

- removal of Sudan from SST;
- Sudan's compensation offer to victims and families of the Embassy bombings; and
- Sudan's demand that Congress grant them immunity with regard to any other terrorism lawsuits.

Reasons for Congress to oppose removal of Sudan from SST:

Congress needs to respect its own S. Resolution 188, agreed to by unanimous consent of the Senate, which states —“until Sudan transitions to a civilian-led government, it will remain on the SST list.” As of today, Sudan's Transitional Government is still led by génocidaire Generals Al-Burhan and Hemeti, and their associates, who control Sudan's economy. The financial benefits from de-listing would accrue to them, and not the people; and the indigenous black population of Sudan would be subject to an irreversible continuation of the genocide that has prevailed for decades.

Reasons for Congress to reject Sudan's compensation offer to Embassy bombing families and victims:

The US Supreme court awarded the victims \$10.2 billion. Sudan's settlement offer of \$335 million is a mere 3% of that award (i.e. three cents on the dollar). Further, the offer to the African family victims is unfair, only 1/20 of the amount that would be paid to the American family victims.

Reason to reject Sudan's demand for sovereign immunity from any other terrorist lawsuits:

Granting Sudan immunity would greatly disadvantage the over 3,000 victims and families of the 9/11 attacks, who have been striving for 20 years to achieve their rightful claims against Sudan.



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