

WISCONSIN'S INVESTMENTS IN SUDAN -

Supporting a genocidal regime and undermining the international fight against terrorism

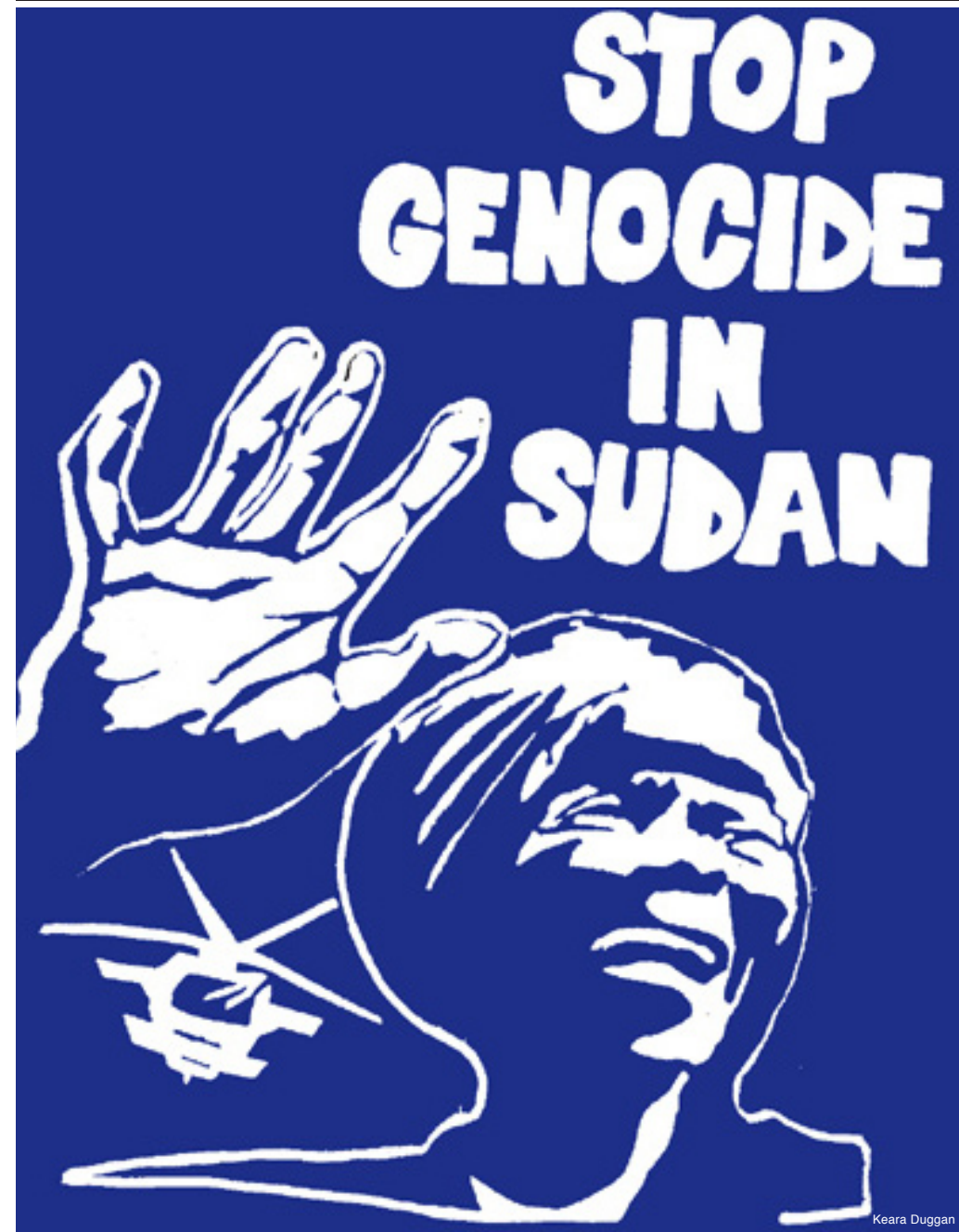
Since 1997, the US federal government has enforced full trade sanctions against Sudan due to the government's gross human rights violations (slavery and mass violence against civilians) and its ties to terrorism (including Osama Bin Laden who operated out of Sudan from 1994-1996). These sanctions, which ban all American business with or in Sudan, have been put in place to pressure the Sudanese government to stop such abuses and to ensure that American dollars never go to terrorists.

However, a loophole in the law allows the State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB) to invest in several foreign-owned companies operating in Sudan that have a verifiable link to the genocide in Darfur. Research by the national Sudan Divestment Task Force (SDTF) identified \$110 million of such investments in SWIB's portfolio. To remedy the situation, Action in Sudan, in partnership with the SDTF and the Darfur Action Coalition of Wisconsin, introduced state legislation in March 2007 to require Wisconsin to divest from Sudan. This action, when combined with the 20 other states currently considering divestment legislation, creates a very real economic cost to the Sudanese government for its genocidal actions. Please call your state legislators and ask them to support the Sudan Divestment bill. The bill will not pass without your support!

To learn more about the crisis in Darfur and ways to stop it please visit:

www.sudandivestment.org
www.actioninsudan.org
www.africa-confidential.com
www.crisisweb.org
www.darfuractioncoalition.org
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ACTION IN SUDAN!

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

- Promote greater awareness about the current genocide in Sudan.
- Build support and aid for humanitarian relief efforts.
- Push for increased international pressure on the Sudanese government to stop attacks and to aid citizens and refugees.
- Member of the Darfur Action Coalition of Wisconsin

We have raised over \$2,500 through fundraising benefits at Café Montmartre in Madison, WI, and other venues. The collected funds will go to the International Medical Corps, which provides medical relief to Sudanese in Darfur.

We have collected and sent over 1,000 letters to U.S. Senators in support of the Darfur Accountability Act of 2005, which aimed to establish an active American role in halting the Sudanese genocide. We have also sent letters to major news networks, including NBC, ABC, CBS, and CNN, imploring them to provide more thorough and persistent coverage of the genocide.

As part of our ongoing efforts to educate the UW campus and community, we have hosted UW Professors and genocide/Sudan experts Sharon Hutchinson and Scott Straus to speak publicly about the violence in Sudan, as well as activist Eric Reeves.

We have launched a green ribbon campaign to spread awareness of the atrocities in Sudan.

We have introduced state legislation to divest Wisconsin's pension money from Sudan and your support is needed to get it passed.

FACTS ON THE GENOCIDE

Open warfare erupted in Darfur, Sudan in early 2003 when two rebel groups attacked military installations. The government responded by attacking entire ethnic populations perceived as supporting the insurgents. These government-backed militias destroyed entire villages, executing men and raping women, girls and boys.

At least 500,000 civilians have died since 2003. Over 2 million people who escaped the attacks have fled to refugee camps in Sudan and camps on the border with Chad. Refugees continue to die of malnutrition and disease as well as from attacks by Janjaweed.

