

κNOW GENOCIDE

United Against Denial

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BOSTON, MA – ***κNOW GENOCIDE***, a multi-ethnic, non-partisan coalition was formally launched on April 21, 2006 during a public rally outside the Massachusetts State House following the annual Commonwealth of Massachusetts Armenian Genocide Commemoration Ceremony in the House Chamber.

The coalition was founded to combat the ongoing denial of known instances of genocide, including the Darfur, Bosnian, Cambodian, Jewish, Rwandan, and the Armenian genocides. Members are united with the firm understanding that genocide denial is the final stage of that crime and its penetration into our schools, universities and other institutions are unethical and unacceptable.

Among the distinguished speakers at the event were Massachusetts Lt. Governor Kerry Healey, Attorney General Tom Reilly and Congressman Edward Markey (D-MA). Leaders of several coalition groups also spoke including Rabbi Moshe Waldoks, Chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Council Holocaust Committee, and Mr. Jean Nganji, Executive Director of Rwanda Outlook together with community leaders Carolyn Mugar and Heather Karfian and Representatives Rachel Kaprielian (D-Watertown), Peter Koutoujian (D-Watertown) and State Senator Steven Tolman (D-Boston).

While ***κNOW GENOCIDE*** is a coalition in formation, support from the people of Massachusetts and beyond has been overwhelming. Coalition members officially announced at the event include the Armenian Assembly of America, Jewish Community Relations Council, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, Genocide Intervention Network, Irish Immigration Center, Massachusetts Council of Churches, Rwanda Outlook, Armenian National Committees of Massachusetts, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota and the Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University.

“***κNOW GENOCIDE*** was initiated for the purpose of exposing and countering deliberate efforts at genocide denial,” says Anthony Barsamian, one of the founders of the coalition and a Member of the Board of the Armenian Assembly of America. “Denial of genocide has penetrated our state and nation with new sophistication, and ***κNOW GENOCIDE*** will combat this immoral effort to uphold the fundamental tenets of human rights, academic integrity and the historical truth.”

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