

***kNOW GENOCIDE*** PARTICIPATES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
RALLY TO END DARFUR GENOCIDE

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BOSTON, MA – On April 30, 2006 members and supporters of the newly formed ***kNOW GENOCIDE*** coalition joined thousands of activists in our nation's capital in condemning the ongoing genocide in Darfur and bringing the tragedy to the attention of the White House. The event was sponsored by the Save Darfur coalition.

Since 2003, the western Sudanese region of Darfur has been subject to a systematic campaign of massacres, starvation and dislocation initiated by the Sudanese government and its Janjaweed militia, in total defiance of international law. This ongoing catastrophe has claimed the lives of 400,000 people while displacing another 2.5 million. Over 3 million people are currently suffering from hunger while atrocities and starvation continues to claim countless lives.

"I hope that this weekend will have a strong impact on our politicians, to act and act now," said Mr. Jean Nganji of Rwanda Outlook, a member group of ***kNOW GENOCIDE***. Mr. Nganji, who lost much of his family and friends in the Rwandan Genocide, has devoted much of his recent years in raising public awareness about genocide. The issue of genocide denial is very personal to Rwanda, as there is a current movement of denial, negation and revision of what happened during the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. "There are also sympathizers and professors who advised the genocide regime and now continue to be part of this movement," continued Mr. Nganji. "We owe it to ourselves and humanity, in making sure that history is not distorted to the benefit of those who want to justify their crimes."

Speakers at the Darfur rally included renowned Harvard scholar Dr. Samantha Power, author of *A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide*, and Mr. John Prendergast, Senior Adviser at the International Crisis Group and author of seven books on Africa. Both scholars were briefed on the efforts of ***kNOW GENOCIDE***, who, in turn, voiced their support of the coalition's efforts.

Other coalition groups represented at the Darfur rally include members of the Armenian Assembly of America, Jewish Community Relations Council, Armenian National Committees of Massachusetts as well as students from Georgetown and George Washington universities.

***kNOW GENOCIDE*** urges its members and supporters to send an electronic postcard to President Bush urging him to stop the genocide in Darfur by visiting [www.MillionVoicesForDarfur.org](http://www.MillionVoicesForDarfur.org)

***kNOW GENOCIDE*** is a multi-ethnic, non-partisan coalition founded to counter the ongoing denial of known cases of genocide, such as the Darfur, Bosnian, Cambodian, Jewish, Rwandan, and Armenian genocides. For more information please visit our website at [www.knowgenocide.org](http://www.knowgenocide.org)

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