

The conflict in Darfur, Sudan, has led to some of the worst human rights abuses imaginable: systematic and widespread murder, rape, abduction and displacement. Hundreds of thousands of civilians have been killed. Over 2.5 million civilians have been displaced.

Despite international outrage, not a single person responsible for war crimes or crimes against humanity in Darfur has been brought to justice.

These crimes should not go unpunished. Support the International Criminal Court's work in Darfur.



The International Criminal Court's role in Darfur

In March 2005, the United Nations Security Council passed a historic resolution calling for the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate the crimes committed in Darfur. The ICC was established in 2002 by the international community of nations to serve as the world's first, permanent, independent court capable of prosecuting individuals accused of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity when national courts are unable or unwilling to do so.

Amnesty International believes that justice is essential to building a lasting peace in Sudan. The ICC will help to establish a public, irrefutable record of the truth; serve as a deterrent to those contemplating committing crimes in the future; promote reparations for victims; serve as a catalyst for reform in Sudan's own courts; and assign individual—not group—responsibility, thus helping to break the cycle of violence.

Now is a critical time to let the Bush Administration and Congress know that U.S. citizens support the ICC. [Please take action today.](#)

Why It's Critical that You Act Now

The U.S. Government's policy toward the ICC has taken some twists and turns over the years. When President Bush first took office, he withdrew the United States' support from the ICC, and began pressuring other countries to sign agreements not to cooperate with the Court. The Bush Administration's anti-ICC policy began to shift, however, with the U.N. Security Council's decision to refer the situation in Darfur to the ICC for investigation. Administration officials have since indicated that the U.S. is ready to assist the ICC with its work in Darfur.

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