

ETHNIC CLEANSING X3 BY INDICTED GENOCIDAIRE.

WHILE THE WESTERN WORLD STAYS SILENT, THE BAY AREA DOES NOT.

WHEN: April 29, 2012

WHERE: Lake Merritt, Oakland, CA

WHAT: Protests against Sudan and The Congo, and recognition of past genocides.

Hundreds of genocide refugees and victims and their supporters in the Bay Area will take a stand by marching against mass atrocities taking place in Sudan and The Congo. There's a 1.5 mile walk around Oakland's Lake Merritt followed by a program to demand U.S. action.

It's no secret that unconscionable things are happening in disparate parts of the world. Some of them are the subject of intense media focus, like Syria, and they should be. When it comes to focusing on issues of violence and oppression, however, we need to be inclusive. This is a question of "and," not "or."

According to Nicholas Kristof of *The New York Times*, the president of Sudan, Omar Hassan al-Bashir has presided over the killings of "perhaps 300 times as many people as President Bashar al-Assad of Syria."

After an internationally publicized and acknowledged genocide in Darfur, beginning in 2003, in which 300,000 to 450,000 Darfurians died, and despite President Bashir's having been indicted by the International Criminal Court, almost no media attention is directed at the Sudanese government. They are conducting an indiscriminate bombing and vicious offensive against the people of the Nuba mountains near Southern Sudan.

We are witnessing an unprecedented second genocide being carried out by an internationally recognized genocidaire and his government on a separate group of Sudanese citizens, the Nuban mountain people, and yet the Western world falls silent. While villages are bombed, while men, woman and children are brutally killed and women raped, while ethnic cleansing on a grand scale is being carried out.

Genocide has a name. But there's resistance to use it, especially among western leaders. How many US reporters are in Sudan and The Congo? One, maybe two. The same number of US congressional members who have visited refugee camps there. How sad. How shameful.

Learn from the voices that carry hope about how to recognize genocide and take action so that past generations are not forgotten and future ones may live in peace.

The following will speak at the event:

Carl Wilkens. The only American who stayed in Rwanda during the genocide. He was directly responsible for saving the lives of 400 children of an orphanage.

Gregory Stanton. President and Founder , Genocide Watch; founder (1981) and director of the Cambodian Genocide Project, and is the founder (1999) and Chair of the International Campaign to End Genocide, the world's first anti-genocide coalition. From 2007 – 2009, he was the President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars.

Yassir A. Kori. Exiled from the Nuba Mountains in Sudan due being severely persecuted for his Christian beliefs. Activist for the people Nuba Mountains. He is the founder and Director of the Nuba Vision Coalition.