

# Rothman Calls on Sudanese Government for Immediate Action to End the Genocide in Darfur

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--Also Joins Colleagues to Support National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection  
for Genocide Victims in Darfur--

Washington, D.C. -Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today joined his colleagues on the Jewish and Congressional Black Caucus to support the National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Victims of Genocide in Darfur, Sudan, which is set to begin on Friday, July 15 and last through the weekend. The goal of the event is to highlight the shared concern and activism of the Jewish and African-American communities regarding the Darfur Genocide.

"During the coming weekend of prayer and reflection for the victims of genocide in the Darfur, my thoughts and prayers- and those of many of my constituents- will be with the people of Darfur, who have undergone terrible violence and suffering at the hands of the Janjaweed militias. As I join my colleagues here today, I want to send a clear message to the Sudanese government: The violence, rape, murder, and starvation of the Sudanese people must stop immediately!" stressed Rothman. "We will not stand by and turn our eyes away from the innocent civilians who are in fear for their lives and those of their children. We must hold fast to our promise following World War II and as a signatory to the Genocide Convention, not to allow genocide to continue."

More than 400,000 Sudanese citizens over the past two years have been killed in the Darfur region of Sudan. Almost 2 million have been displaced, and 200,000 have fled to neighboring Chad. In July 2004, the U.S. Congress declared the atrocities in Darfur as "genocide." Unfortunately, these crimes against humanity continue and estimates indicate that as many as 10,000 people may be dying each month in Sudan.

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