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Congressman Ben Cardin - Maryland's Third District

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Dear Friends,

As the senior Democrat on the U.S. Helsinki Commission, I have been joined by many of my colleagues in Congress and millions of Americans in sending a message to Sudan that the United States is committed to stopping the genocide in Darfur.

Since 2003, the Sudanese government has presided over a campaign of state-sponsored violence that has resulted in the deaths of 400,000 Sudanese, turned 2.5 million into refugees and left more than 3 million people facing possible starvation.

On May 5, a peace agreement was signed between the Sudanese government and one of the major rebel factions. The United Nations recently agreed to send peacekeepers to the region with a stronger mandate to protect civilians. Both of these are positive developments, but until a lasting peace is assured, much more needs to be done to halt the worsening humanitarian crisis.

I have written to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urging the appointment of a special envoy to Sudan. I also co-sponsored the *Darfur Peace & Accountability Act*, HR 3127, which has passed the House. It would significantly increase humanitarian aid to the region and hold Sudanese officials and rebels accountable for acts of genocide before a war crimes tribunal.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
Member of Congress



**CONGRESSMAN CARDIN SPEAKS OUT AGAINST
THE GENOCIDE IN DARFUR**

In April, Rep. Cardin joined New Jersey's Rep. Donald Payne, Ranking Member on the African International Relations Subcommittee, Maryland's Rep. Elijah Cummings, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi in calling for stronger international efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur.

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