

WASHINGTON, D.C. , Today, Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) and five other House members

Today's peaceful demonstration on the steps of the Sudanese Embassy was intended to focus a spotlight

The 10 a.m. protest today will be followed by the "SAVE DARFUR: Rally to Stop Genocide" on Sunday,

Olver said, "The international community has failed to take sufficient action to put an end to the ongoing

Today, Olver and the 4 other House members presented four basic demands of the Sudanese government:

1. Withdrawal any objection to a UN peacekeeping force in Darfur. The purpose of such a force would be to
2. Allow humanitarian relief organizations full and unfettered access to the villages and IDP camps in Darfur.
3. Abide by the terms of the N'Djamena ceasefire and by UN Security Council resolutions by disarming the
4. Fully commit to reaching a lasting agreement at the current, 7th round of the Abuja peace talks.

Olver and 10 other demonstrators, including the five House members, were arrested by the United States

Olver added, "Today's protest demonstrates that U.S. leaders will continue to insist that the Sudanese

Olver co-sponsored H.R. 3127, the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act (DPAA), a bill to sanction the Sudanese

Olver's statement on H.R. 3127 was placed in the Congressional Record on April 5, 2006. A copy of the

"The African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) is charged with monitoring an ineffective ceasefire that has

Participants in today's protest at the Sudanese Embassy included:

- U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo, CA), 86-year old Holocaust Survivor, Co-Sponsor, Darfur Peace and Accountability Act
- U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern (D-Worcester, MA), Co-Sponsor, DPAA
- U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-Arlington/Alexandria, VA), Co-Sponsor, DPAA
- U.S. Rep. John Olver (D- Amherst, MA), Co-Sponsor, DPAA
- U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D- Alexandria, VA), Co-Sponsor, DPAA
- U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Houston, TX), Co-Sponsor, DPAA
- Ruth Messinger, Executive Director, American Jewish World Services, New York City/Former Manhattan
- Rabbi Steve Gutow, Executive Director, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, New York City/Board member
- Rabbi Michael Namath, Program Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Washington, DC
- Reverend Terry Allen, Unitarian Universalist Association
- Patrick Schmitt, President, Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (S.T.A.N.D.), Georgetown University
- Bill Wasserman, President, M+R Strategic Services, Washington, DC
- Bruce Gordon, President, NAACP

The protest today and the "SAVE DARFUR: Rally to Stop Genocide" on Sunday, April 30, 2-4:30 p.m. at

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