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Dear Mr. Ruehlmann,

We, the undersigned 130 Sudanese, scholars and human rights organizations, write to request your help. Your firm is lobbying for the government of Sudan, a regime comparable to the Nazis whose leaders are indicted for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. At the hand of your client, over 3 million Sudanese have been killed and over 5 million have been forcibly removed from their homes. The regime has eliminated all basic freedoms and Sudanese are discriminated against and targeted because of their race and religion. Christians, in particular, are persecuted and their places of worship destroyed. We believe the actions of the Sudan regime are incompatible with the values of your firm, which emphasize corporate responsibility and fostering social justice, and the values of all Americans. Therefore, we write to strongly urge Squire Patton Boggs to no longer associate itself with the Sudan regime.

We and others have reached out to your firm about this matter; however the response has not been satisfactory given the serious threat the regime poses to millions of innocent people. To underscore this reality, we include below messages from two Sudanese from the Darfur region who are trying to survive as refugees in Chad, Oumda and Adam Mussa.



Oumda and Adam in  
a Chad refugee  
camp for Sudanese

From Adam Mussa:

I am from destroyed, neglected, discriminated, displaced and completely looted Darfur, Sudan. We learned that in the USA there are a group of lawyers working to lobby the government that we believe has the best values in the world, the government that defends human rights, democracy, and liberty to lift US sanctions against the government that delivered and raised the world terrorists, and that promotes hate, injustices, corruption and discrimination; the government that displaced its own people to replace them by terrorists; and the same government that is ruled by international criminals wanted by ICC. My message to this distinguished group is please don't exchange our life and our children's future for money. Know that we who are now in Sudan, many families, are starving why because our money always goes to weapons, to the Janjaweed, and to the terrorists for Jihad. Please help us to send Albashir to the ICC for Justice then the Sudanese will be well prepared for real friendship and cooperation with the government of the United States of America. Thank you.

From Oumda:

MY EYES ARE CRYING, MY INJURIES BLEEDING, WHEN CAN THIS STOP??

The government of Sudan is one of the regimes that cannot be trusted. We even have one proverb, says that you can believe the devil, rather than Sudan government! No one can imagine, for how many years those victims of Darfur suffered, and still the same attacks, killings, rapes, captures, arrests, and tortures are going on! Crimes which all the nations saw and heard! But no change for a minute from the Government of Sudan to improve the situation, and it uses all the opportunities to make the military forces and Janjaweed ready to fight. Look how many US presidents came and went, all of them sanctioned al-Bashir regime, but the same actions are still going on!

What we know is this regime purchases guns to kill one person, rather than to use money in building schools, or to implement any agreement to approach peace. It sees that spending money to devastate any part of Sudan or people is more easy than improvements!

All these terrible things are leading to expose the efforts of GoS to wash out the lives of Darfuri people. The Government of Sudan should be under redoubled sanction - any help from communities, organizations, or individuals to Government of Sudan to lift sanctions means participating in the crimes of the genocide

My voice is voice of millions of victims of Darfur, Djebel Alnouba, Blue Nile, and all the marginalized people collectively in Sudan. By their name, I am calling all the advocates, activists, experts, groups fighting for the rights, and individuals who have kind heart: to work very hard, to stop those who are defending the Sudan regime and who use the money before humanity, for their wealth!

See these innocents, they need a better life with dignity, education, peaceful environment, to grow like any child around the world, but they didn't find it. What do you think about a life like this? If you have a kind heart don't you see young children like yours are suffering? What did they do to be in situations like this? We need your voice to change this crisis, as a human for humanity.



Sudanese children growing up in a Chad refugee camp

The people of Sudan have long counted on the U.S., the defenders of freedom, justice and equality, to stand with them against the tyranny of the Sudanese regime. They cannot understand why U.S. policy would change when the regime and their own personal circumstances have not changed. These are matters of life and death and of huge importance with regard to the advancement of security, peace and justice around the globe. Allowing impunity and ignoring human suffering creates a world that threatens us all.

Please do your part, take a stand and refuse to represent the government of Sudan.

Sincerely,

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