



Advocacy Update

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Emergency Call-in Day for the People of South Sudan

Responding to markedly increased violence in Sudan, the Save Darfur coalition and its partners have set up today as an emergency call-in day to let President Obama know about the concern of Americans for the people of South Sudan.

South Sudan has voted for secession which is formally due in less than three weeks. In addition to targeted killings, the Sudanese government has bombed disputed border areas that were to be the subjects of peaceful negotiation, displacing more than 160,000 civilians. Moreover, the government has been denying needed humanitarian supplies to the displaced people and is threatening continued military action.

To join with other advocates speaking for the safety of the people of South Sudan, call 1-800-GENOCIDE now to be connected to the White House. Give your name, your state, and ask the president to impose serious consequences on the Government of Sudan.

Distressing Supreme Court Ruling In the Wal-Mart Case – Take Action

In a five to four split decision the U.S. Supreme Court prevented more than one million women from proceeding with their class-action employment discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart and, moreover, dealt a death blow to class action suits in discrimination cases. To fully understand the decision and its implications, click on the following sites, which include coverage of the decision and its implications, congressional statements, and in depth analysis:

- The New York Times articles on the case beginning with “Justices Rule for Wal-Mart in Class-Action Bias Case,”
- Members of Congress have issued statements on the Supreme Court decision.
- The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's press release “Supreme Court Rules Against Women of Wal-Mart” and blog.

This Supreme Court decision demonstrates the urgent need for passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act to protect women from salary discrimination. Urge your members of Congress to co-sponsor and support the Paycheck Fairness Act now!