



Measuring the Effectiveness of the new U.S. Strategy for Sudan

The Obama Administration's new strategy for Sudan will serve as the core framework for guiding U.S. diplomatic efforts to bring peace to Darfur and all of Sudan.

The Save Darfur Coalition has developed the criteria below to gauge progress toward implementing the new policy and to judge the effectiveness of the policy in helping to create a lasting and comprehensive peace in Darfur and throughout Sudan.

Criteria for an Effective U.S. Sudan Strategy

The Imperative of Leadership

President Obama must direct and empower his Administration to pursue a strategy for peace in Sudan; he must also make peace in Sudan a personal priority within the Oval Office, in Cabinet meetings, and during his meetings with world leaders.

Comprehensive Approach to Sudan

Strategy must address all of the interconnected crises in Sudan, including: Darfur; the fragile Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the regime in Khartoum and the semi-autonomous government of South Sudan; the oft-neglected crisis in Eastern Sudan; and political oppression throughout the country.

Comprehensive U.S. Effort

Strategy must ensure that every relevant piece of the U.S. government is diligently following a common playbook and bringing the full weight of U.S. influence to bear.

Multilateral Engagement from the U.S.

Strategy must emphasize the importance of building a strong multilateral coalition to address Sudan's many obstacles in a coordinated manner; the coalition should include China, other permanent members of the UN Security Council, and key African and Arab states.

Multilateral Action Toward Sudan

Strategy must include a coordinated international strategy to be implemented by a multilateral coalition, depriving Sudan of its ability to play one well-meaning international actor against another.

Offering Earned Incentives

Strategy must map out a clear but conditional process toward normalization of relations with the U.S. which would move forward if and only if the Government of Sudan provably: permits unrestricted humanitarian access; secures peace in Darfur; fully implements the Comprehensive Peace Agreement; ensures free and fair elections throughout Sudan; and removes the indicted President.

Threatening Serious Consequences

Strategy must make clear that if President Bashir and his party renege on humanitarian commitments and continue to undermine efforts at peace, escalating costs will ensue, including: diplomatic isolation; targeted bilateral and multilateral economic sanctions; an effective multilateral arms embargo; and if necessary to stop massive loss of civilian life, targeted military action.

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