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Nuba Mountains Crisis Symposium

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For over a year and a half, the Sudanese regime, led by indicted war criminal Omar al-Bashir, has unleashed a wave of targeted ethnic killings against the people of the Nuba Mountains in South Kordofan and Blue Nile states. The continuing multiple atrocities amount to at least crimes against humanity, with the possibility of genocide by attrition if food is not inserted prior to the rainy season.

Satellite imagery has revealed razed communities, destroyed farms, and the indiscriminate low altitude aerial bombardment of civilian areas in South Kordofan state. Eyewitnesses continue to report systematic government shelling and bombing of refugee evacuation routes, helicopter gunships raking civilians as they flee their homes and farmland, and a deliberate and widespread blockage of humanitarian aid. Villages have been ransacked and burned to the ground, and hundreds of thousands of people have been run off their farms.

As of January 2013, projections by aid and health workers note that if food is not gotten up to the Nuba Mountains and Blue Nile prior to the next rainy season there is a real likelihood that mass starvation will be the result.

Timothy Longman Welcoming remarks

Director, African Studies Center, Boston University

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Herbert Hirsch

Introduction to the Symposium

Professor of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University; Co-editor, Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal

Hannibal Travis

"The New Politics of Genocide: Biased Resolutions and Forgotten Genocides"

Associate Professor of Law, Florida International University School of Law

John Hubbel Weiss

"The United States, the International Community, and Public Policy on the Nuba Mountains Crisis."

Associate Professor of History, Cornell University

Dr. Tom Catena

"The Situation on the Ground Today"

The only doctor in the Nuba Mountains describes his current experiences and eyewitness testimony of events there.

Eyewitness, Physician and Founder of Mother of Mercy Hospital, Gidel, Nuba Mountains, Sudan

Samuel Totten

"Analysis of What Can Be Done to Alleviate the Situation in the Nuba Mountains" Having just returned from the Nuba Mountains, Totten provides his analysis of the situation there and what can be done to alleviate the pending genocide by attrition.

Eyewitness, Professor Emeritus, University of Arkansas; Author of Genocide by Attrition: The Nuba Mountains of Sudan; Co-editor, Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal