Mr. Speaker, everyone should read Mark Lacey’s piece in today’s New York Times titled,

‘‘In Sudan, Militiamen on Horses Uproot a Million.’’

The article says, ‘‘The men on horses killed my parents,’’

referring to the militia who have been armed by

the Government of Sudan. ‘‘Then the planes came,’’

referring to aerial bombardment by the Government of Sudan.

Marc Lacey writes, ‘‘Human rights

groups and international officials charge that the militia has been used

as a tool of the government to pursue a radical policy resembling ethnic cleansing.’’

The militia knows no rules of war. ‘‘They ride camels and horses and use

automatic weapons against those they come across. They ride into the villages en masse and shoot anyone in

sight. As the militiamen torch and loot, the villagers grab what they can and run.’’

One young woman did not have time to get away. She was in bed when the

Janjaweed moved in. Two men entered

her hut, and raped her in front of her

family. Raping, then branding the survivors is common practice in this for-

gotten land. Refugee after refugee tells

the same story. Men on horseback, air

raids, soldiers sweep into villages. As

this crisis rages on, 1 million people

are now internally displaced, and

100,000 refugees were forced into Chad.

Unknown numbers have been murdered, and the world does little.

With the rainy season just weeks

away, the window for getting humanitarian assistance is closing. The international community has 6 weeks left.

USAID has warned that by fall, the

mortality rate will be 5 times the threshold for a major catastrophic event.

Why is the aid not getting there? The

Government of Sudan continues to

stall in the issuing visas for aid work-

ers and is preventing full humanitarian

access to the region. The international

community has just 6 weeks to act on their behalf.

Where are the voices of outrage? Remember Rwanda 10 years ago? Remember all of the celebrations with regard

to remember Rwanda and never let it

happen again. Where are the voices? Is

the international community going to

fail the people of Darfur, Sudan? What

will the world tell those who survive?

Why is the United Nations and the

international community not doing more?

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the

Bush administration and the United States for taking the lead on this issue.

Ambassador Richard Williamson gave a

moving presentation in Geneva at the

60th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights 2 weeks

ago. He laid out the facts that show

that ethnic cleansing is occurring in

Sudan, and what did the United Nations Commission on Human Rights do,

the lone body responsible? Zero, zip.

Other than the United States, very few

people would even speak out on this issue.

The world must do more. We must speak out. I call on this Congress to

speak out. Members who care about

human rights should do all they can to

help the people of Darfur in Sudan.

This week the House Committee on

International Relations will mark up

H. Con. Res. 403, condemning the Government of Sudan for their complicity

for what is happening in Darfur, and

calling the international community to do the same, and urging immediate

humanitarian access to the region.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, The New

York Times writes about rape, pillaging, and murder on its front page.

We cannot say we did not know it is happening. If we fail to act, in another

10 years Darfur will be today’s Rwanda and some Member of Congress will be

standing here on the floor asking those

in the body at that time to remember the genocide that took place in Darfur. Is that what this world wants?