Mr. Speaker, after visiting

Darfur, Sudan, and seeing firsthand

the horrific conditions and oppression,

and I have here a picture of a

camp that was burned down by the

Janjaweed, but having seen the horrific

conditions and oppression, and having

talked to eyewitnesses, I believe genocide

is taking place in Darfur.

The United States and others around

the world said never again after the

genocide in Rwanda. So now I call on

the United States, the United Nations,

and world leaders to call it what it is,

genocide, and to take action before

more die. We have the ability to prevent

further deaths and to stop genocide

in its tracks. Our actions should

follow our words.

Amnesty International just released

a new report. It documents hundreds of

cases of women who have been raped in

Darfur. To highlight one story, I quote:

‘‘I was sleeping when the attack on

Disa started. I was taken away by the

attackers, they were all in uniform.

They took dozens of other girls and

made us walk for 3 hours. During the

day, we were beaten. And they kept

telling us, ‘You, the black women, we

will exterminate you, you have no

God.’ At night, we were raped several

times. We were not given food for 3

days.’’

This story echoes the stories of rape

that I heard when I was in Darfur. We

were given a letter by 44 women who

were raped. The translation is heartbreaking.

It said, and this was to Senator

BROWNBACK and myself, ‘‘We are 44

raped women. As a result of that savagery,

some of us became pregnant,

some have aborted, some took out

their wombs and some are still receiving

medical treatment. Hereunder, we

list the names of the raped women and

state that we have high hopes in you

and the international community to

stand by us and not forsake us to this

tyrannical, brutal, and racist regime,

which wants to eliminate us racially,

bearing in mind that 90 percent of our

sisters at this village are widows.’’

Women are systematically raped on a

massive scale. These are crimes

against humanity. The overall situation

constitutes genocide.

Despite promises to rein in the militia,

the violence continues to escalate.

Over the weekend, U.N. humanitarian

agencies reported that local authorities

and militia continued to loot convoys

and gang rape women.

The United Nations Convention on

the Prevention and Punishment on the

Crime of Genocide describes genocide

as acts committed with the intent to

destroy, in whole or in part, national,

ethnic, racial or religious groups. Specifically

cited is:

Number one. Killing members of the

group.

Thousands of black Africans have

been killed. There are reports of mass

graves.

Number two. Causing serious bodily

or mental harm to members of the

group.

One woman told us that the

Janjaweed told her that she was being

raped to create ‘‘lighter-skinned babies.’’

Number three. Deliberately inflicting

on the group conditions of life calculated

to bring about physical destruction

in whole or in part.

It is clear that the eradication of the

Darfurian African population will

occur if people do not return to their

homes.

Number four. Forcefully transferring

children of the group to another group.

There are constant stories of the abduction

of children.

No matter what we call it, Mr.

Speaker, genocide, ethnic cleansing,

crimes against humanity, people are

dying on a massive scale, and that is

not acceptable. What matters now is

action.

The international community has a

moral and a legal obligation to stop

what is occurring, and those responsible

must be brought to justice. The

United Nations Security Council needs

to take immediate action to end this

crisis.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, a large

peacekeeping force made up of troops

in the African union is now needed to

allow the Darfurians to return to their

homes and to verify that the government

of Sudan is disarming the rebels.

We must remember that the government

of Sudan armed the rebels. We

need independent monitors to ensure

that they are disarmed. We need monitors

and forensic experts on the

ground to preserve the evidence for a

future war crimes trial.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, two points:

Every day that we delay and hesitate,

more people die. The United States

must speak out loudly. We must not

shy from calling it what it is: Genocide.