Mr. Speaker, I rise to

raise again the policies of the government

of Sudan and its treatment of its

people.

Christians, Muslims, and Animists

who do not submit to the Khartoum regimes

control are targeted for destruction.

In addition to its daily war against

the Sudan’s people, which includes destroying

villages, killing the men and

selling women and children into slavery,

the government issues draconian

punishments for crimes.

One recent report details an 18-yearold

illiterate Christian, Abok Alva

Akok, who was raped but was sentenced

to death because she could not

produce the four male witnesses required

under Muslim Sharia law.

International outcry caused her sentence

to be overturned, but the court

then sentenced her to a ‘‘rebuke’’ of 75

lashes, carried out immediately. During

the proceedings, she was denied

legal representation.

Mr. Speaker, the Khartoum regime

not only denies justice to the Sudan’s

people, gives out harsh punishments,

and permits active slave trade, but also

is carrying out a brutal war to destroy

the people of southern Sudan.

Khartoum’s brutal policies must be

stopped.