



May 2, 2013

Honorable John F. Kerry  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry,

The recent invitation to a senior delegation of the National Congress Party (NCP), headed by Nafie Ali Nafie, principal advisor to Sudanese President Omar al Bashir, undermines established U. S. policy and violates President Obama's promise to bar perpetrators of serious human rights violations from entry to this country.

*Act for Sudan*, a bipartisan, interfaith alliance of 74 American and Sudanese grassroots advocacy groups, requests that you rescind the invitation immediately.

As a senior advisor to Omar Al-Bashir, Sudan's president for whom the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued arrest warrants for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, Nafie headed the feared National Intelligence and Security Service. He also helped establish the regime's strategy to eliminate or expel indigenous African people by bombing, attacking, raping and starving innocent civilians. The ICC named Nafie as among the key senior officials who were complicit in Bashir's crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Victims of Nafie, who are now outside of Sudan and who were imprisoned and horribly tortured in "ghost houses" he established, speak of Nafie being present during their torture. Others note, "His hands are bloody with crimes committed during the ethnic cleansing of Darfur, South Sudan and South Kordofan."

In August 2011, President Obama promised in an official proclamation that the United States would not allow entry to any alien who had "planned, ordered, assisted, aided and abetted, committed or otherwise participated in, including through command responsibility, war crimes, crimes against humanity or other serious violations of human rights, or who attempted or conspired to do so." The proclamation further declared that, "The Secretary of State, or the Secretary's designee, in his or her sole discretion, shall identify persons covered by ... this proclamation."

The invitation extended by the Obama Administration is a clear violation of the President's promise and an affront to the victims and vulnerable people in Sudan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Cohen', written in a cursive style.

Eric Cohen  
Co-Founder, *Act for Sudan*