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President Bush Discusses Genocide in Darfur and Implements Sanctions

“I call on President Bashir to stop his obstruction, and to allow the peacekeepers in, and to end the campaign of violence that continues to target innocent men, women and children. And I promise this to the people of Darfur: The United States will not avert our eyes from a crisis that challenges the conscience of the world.”

—President George W. Bush



President George W. Bush announces on May 29, 2007 the expansion and tightening of economic sanctions against the government of Sudan.

“The result is that the dire security situation on the ground in Darfur has not changed. And so today, at my instruction, the United States has taken the steps I announced in April. First, the Department of Treasury is tightening U.S. economic sanctions on Sudan. With this new effort, the United States will more aggressively enforce existing sanctions against Sudan’s government.”

—President George W. Bush

President Bush strongly believes that the ongoing genocide in Darfur should not be ignored, and therefore the United States is taking steps to promote peace in Darfur. On May 29th, the Presidents announced U.S. economic sanctions against Sudan that will target against individuals responsible for violence, and finally, the President is directing the Secretary of State to consult with the United Kingdom and other allies on a new United Nations Security Council Resolution. President Bush promises that the United States will continue to push for UN support for African Union Peacekeepers and for a quick transition to a UN-African Union Force.

“For too long, the people of Darfur have suffered at the hands of a government that is complicit in the bombing, murder, and rape of innocent civilians. My administration has called these actions by their rightful name: genocide. The world has a responsibility to help put an end to it.”—President George W. Bush

President Bush Announces Five-Year, \$30 Billion HIV/AIDS Plan

“The First Lady and I share a passion. We believe strongly that to whom much is given, much is required. Much has been given to the United States of America. Therefore, I believe strongly, as does she, that much is required of us in helping solve this problem.” —President George W. Bush



President George W. Bush holds Baron Mosima Loyiso Tantoh, who's mother Kunene Tantoh represents Mothers to Mothers, an organization which provides treatment and support services for HIV-positive mothers in South Africa in the Rose Garden of the White House Wednesday, May 30, 2007.

President Bush announced his new plan to battle global HIV/AIDS. He plans to work with Congress to reauthorize the United States leadership against HIV/AIDS with the 2003 PEPFAR, or President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. PEPFAR was announced in the 2003 State of the Union Address, which contained a 5 year and \$15 billion plan to support treatment for 2 million people, prevention of 7 million new infections, and care for 10 million people. And as of today, PEPFAR is on track. Because the PEPFAR plan ends in 2008, President Bush is asking Congress for “continuing commitment” to HIV/AIDS prevention for another 5 years.

“The statistics and dollar amounts I've cited in the fight against HIV/AIDS are significant. But the scale of this effort is not measured in numbers. This is really a story of the human spirit and the goodness of human hearts. Once again, the generosity of the American people is one of the great untold stories of our time. Our citizens are offering comfort to millions who suffer, and restoring hope to those who feel forsaken.” —President George W. Bush



President George W. Bush holds Baron Mosima Loyiso Tantoh while standing with the boy's mother, Kunene Tantoh, and Dr. Jean “Bill” Pape, internationally recognized for his work with infectious diseases.

“Similar success stories are playing out all across the African continent where victims of HIV/AIDS are finding new reservoirs of strength and support. Villages in Africa now talk of the Lazarus effect, dying communities being brought back to life, thanks to the compassion of the American people. This is the impact that has made our emergency plan and the modern-day good Samaritans who are implementing it so effective. It's important that we continue the work we have begun.”

—President George W. Bush

President Bush Commemorates National Day of Prayer



President George W. Bush takes part in prayer on the National Day of Prayer with other White House officials and religious leaders in the East Room on Thursday, May 3, 2007.

“For two centuries, Americans have answered this call to prayer. We’re a prayerful nation. I believe that makes us a strong nation. Each day, millions of our citizens approach our Maker. We pray as congregations in churches and in synagogues, and mosques, and in temples. We welcome people of all faiths into the United States of America.”

—President George W. Bush

President Bush discusses the importance of prayers in an American’s life. He mentions praying to give thanks, for strength, to acknowledge the importance of God in one’s life, and to offer petitions regarding one’s cares and needs. The President took this time to remind America how America is a “prayerful nation” and should turn to prayer in times of need.

“The greatest gift we can offer anyone is the gift of our prayers, because our prayers have power beyond our imagining.”

President Bush Welcomes President Preval of Haiti to the White House



President George W. Bush and President Rene Preval of Haiti stand in the Oval Office Tuesday, May 8, 2007, during a photo opportunity with the media.

Before President Bush’s speech welcoming President Preval, the two presidents discussed a number of issues, including the United Nations’ recent efforts to enhance security and promote growth and prosperity in Haiti.

“While there is still a lot of work to be done, there’s progress being made on a variety of fronts. The security situation is improving somewhat, and the United States supports the U.N. mission in Haiti. The economy is improving, inflation is down, exports are up.”

During his speech, President Bush mentions how the United States is supporting the men and women of Haiti through programs like PEPFAR that helps deal with HIV/AIDS. He also discusses working on a “comprehensive immigration bill” that will “satisfy [President Preval’s] concerns” about Haitians in the United States.

President Preval takes time to thank President Bush for all his support for the future well-being of Haiti and also mentions programs in which the United States is involved that help protect security and promote economic growth in Haiti.

“And, Mr. President, I praise your efforts on establishing rule of law and routing out corruption. And the United States wants to help you... And I have instructed Secretary Rice, along with our Ambassador, to work with the government, see if we can help... I think, Mr. President, with hard work and goodwill, we can get a bill that will satisfy your concerns.”

President Bush Welcomes Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the White House

“Our alliance is rooted in the beliefs that we share. We recognize that every individual has dignity and matchless value. We believe that the most effective governments are those that hold themselves accountable to their people. And we know that the advance of freedom is the best hope for lasting peace in our world”—President George W. Bush



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The United States has no closer ally and friend than Great Britain. Our nations share an exceptionally close relationship based on deep historical and cultural ties, a common language, shared values and interests, and a commitment to defend freedom around the world.

This visit by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Ediburgh, is an occasion to celebrate these enduring bonds.

Her Majesty’s visit to America also included stops to the Annual Kentucky Derby, NASA Goddard Space Center, and Children’s National Medical Center.



President George W. Bush welcomes Queen Elizabeth II with a toast of friendship that honors the shared history and values that brings the two nations close together in current times on Monday May 7, 2007 at the White House.

“I have no doubt, however, that together with our friends in Europe and beyond, we can continue to learn from the inspiration and vision of those earlier statesmen in ensuring that we meet these threats and resolve these problems. Divided, all alone, we can be vulnerable. But if the Atlantic unites, not divides us, ours is a partnership always to be reckoned with in the defense of freedom and the spread of prosperity.”

—Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

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