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To: Letters to the Editor, LA Times
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Re: **Sudan Militia Leader Links Regime to Crisis**
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I am pleased that the LA Times chose to publish the report about the interview of Sudanese militia leader Musa Hilal by Human Rights Watch. (Sudan Militan Leader Links Regime to Crisis, March 3, 2005). In the interview, Hilal conceded what many have been saying since this genocide began—that it is Khartoum which masterminded the atrocities against the citizens of Sudan’s Darfur region resulting in tens of thousands of deaths and the displacement of 2 million civilians. While the UN splits hairs over whether enough people have died, and whether the murderers had adequate specific intent to justify calling what is happening “genocide”, the pile of corpses grows. If we have any reason to continue our support of the UN, it is to stop genocide; the disgrace of genocide was the essential motivating factor for the UN’s creation. Its failure to intercede to stop this genocide is a wholesale abandonment by the UN of its mission and purpose. Labeling this horror as “genocide” is only the beginning of what the US must do; that being done, we must now take aggressive action to force the UN to actually protect people from violent, senseless deaths. Unanimous bi-partisan support of the Darfur Accountability Act introduced this week in the US Senate will be an excellent place to start. We must remember that if we continue to stand idly by while merely observing the murders we might be only incrementally better than those who are pulling the triggers.

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