Darfur: A Test Case for Web 2.0 Advocacy

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Email and web-based technology have served as critical tools for advocates and activist to grow petitions, advertise rallies, and disseminate information etc. for a myriad of causes. And most people in the advocacy inspiring emails and trashing the particularly rote description of suffering half-a-world away. Yet what happens when web video, global online communities and advocacy meet? Welcome to the world of Web 2.0. Advocacy. Many online advocacy efforts for Darfur exist. Yet a few have stood out for me for their ingenuity, impact and their consistent efforts to engage global ottizenry in weighing in on decision making at national and supranational levels. These tools allow us to bear witness, to be seen and be heard en masse and to provide what the Economist referred to as a deafening wake-up call to world leaders.

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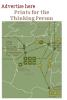
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ground. No question, there is a definite need to protect the people of Darfur from further atrocties. But it sworth asking -- what peace will the "peacekeepers" have to keep? Peace must be made before it can be kept, and that task requires sustained, high-level commitment to diplomacy and motivation for Khartoum to transition from genocidal control of the country to participation in democratic control of the country. A major step towards that goal will be the day that the UN-AU hybrid force is able to legitimately call itself a protection force AND a peacekeeping force. That night, the people of Darfur will no doubt sleep easier.

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Darfur: Anatomy of a Crisis



By Ben Naimark-Rowse | bio This is Ben Naimark-Rowse. This week I'll be guest-blogging for this salon on the crisis in Darfur. I've been involved in Darfur consulting and activism for some time now and professionally in human rights work for seven years.

I hope that this blog will provide both insight into the empowering world of Darfur Web 2.0 Activism and an opportunity to engage each other in fleshing out what is, at its root, a story about the use of genocidal violence by a military regime to maintain a stranglehold on political power.

This story has a cast of characters that many of you are familiar with. However, the genocidal nature of this crisis has tended to overshadow its root causes so I'll begin the story there -- with a brief and basic anatomy of the crisis.

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